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LOCATION

Peru is located approximately 100 miles southwest of Chicago in west central LaSalle County. Founded in 1834, the city is now bounded by Interstate 80 (north), the Illinois River Waterway (south), and adjoining LaSalle (east). The former Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroads traverse the south edge; U.S. Route 51 runs north-south through Peru, dividing the city unequally.

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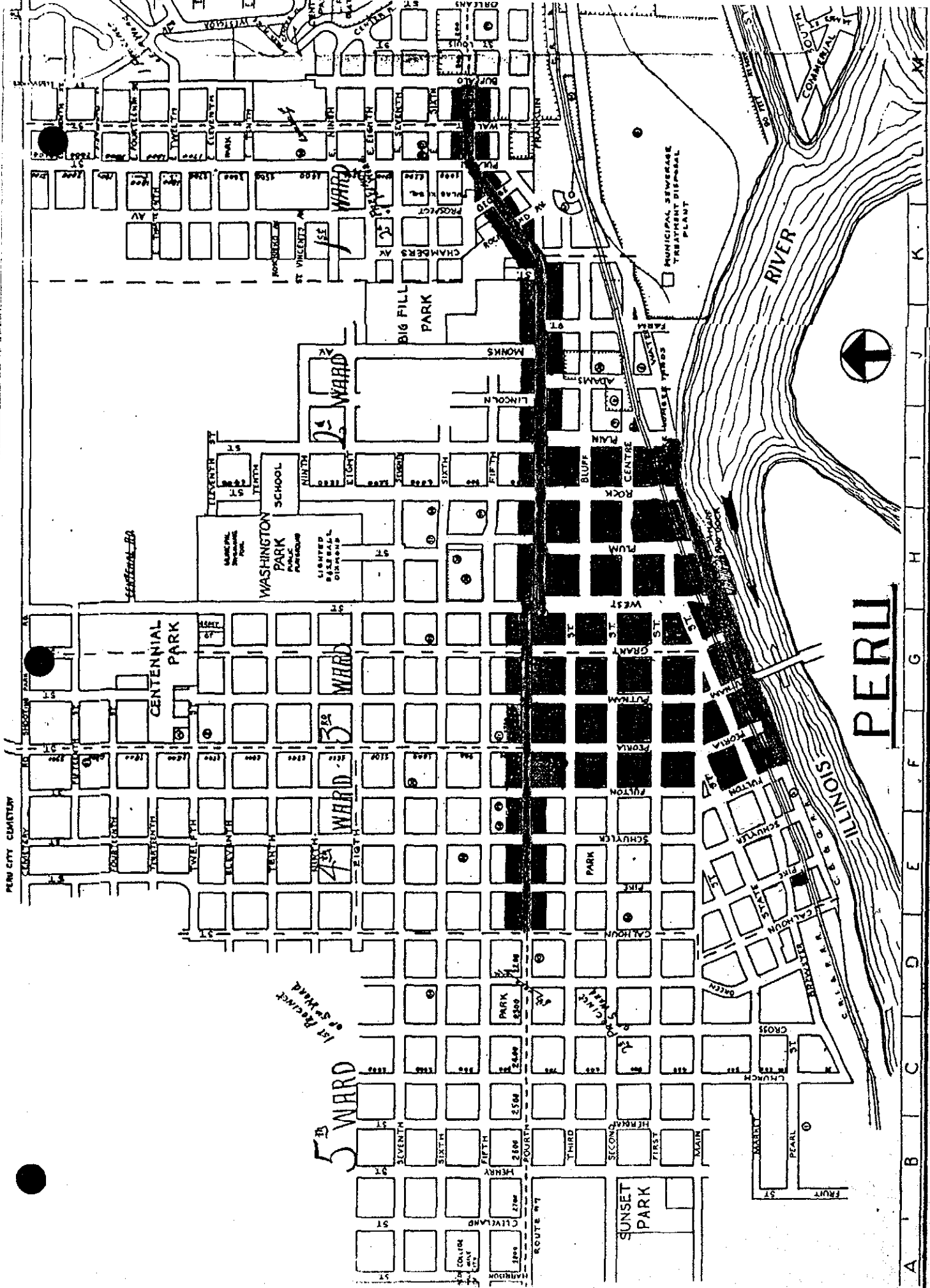
An alluvial flood plain along the north bank of the Illinois River forms the city's southern boundary. The flood plain quickly gives way to rocky bluffs. When the first settlers arrived in the 1830s the bluff tops north of the river were covered with stands of hickory, oak, and elm, the remainder in rolling, grassy prairie. The principal natural resources were coal, clay, timber, limestone, sandstone, and rich black and brown loam topsoil.

SETTLEMENT

On March 2, 1827, the U.S. Congress signed a federal land grant giving 284,000 acres to Illinois. Parcels were to be sold to finance construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and consisted of alternating sections two-and-one-half miles wide on either side of the proposed canal corridor. Settlement of the area was thus sparked.

The first white settler was John Hays, who moved his family to Peru from Tennessee in 1830. He built a log cabin near what is now the intersection of Fourth and Adams Streets, and operated a ferry across the Illinois River until 1840. No evidence of the Hays cabin remains and no physical description was ever recorded. The majority of Peru's first settlers were Protestant New Englanders; drawn by Peru's economic potential, many had migrated from Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The Illinois Legislature had previously set aside Section 16 of every township for school purposes. Spurred by the increasing number of settlers in the area, the school commission platted and sold the southwest quarter of Section 16 and named it Peru. The Canal Commission selected neighboring LaSalle as the terminus of the canal, however, because of its siting on canal-owned land. The Commission hoped to encourage the development of LaSalle and create additional revenues to support the canal. Much of Peru's potential for economic and commercial development was thus diverted to its neighbor.

Samuel Bullock surveyed the original plat of Peru, which was recorded September 9, 1834. The town first extended from Water to North (now Fourth) Streets, and from West to East (Pine) Streets and comprised nineteen blocks. Theron Brewster platted the first (Ninewah's) addition in 1836. These sixty-one blocks are adjacent to the western edge of the original plat, running from Water to Sixth Streets and from West to Calhoun Streets. Brewster platted three more additions to the town before its incorporation in 1851. During the late 1830s and 1840s small landowners divided so many properties east of the original plat that LaSalle and Peru had established their common border by 1851.



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Construction on the I & M Canal began July 4, 1836, with labor and capital both in short supply. Advertisements for workers were placed in newspapers in the eastern United States, Canada, and Ireland, promising excellent wages. Peru quickly gained one of the largest immigrant populations in the Midwest, a region with notably high immigration rates. Indeed, in 1838 Peru and LaSalle counted 2,000 Irish, Germans, and French Canadians among their citizenry. Concurrently, however, a shortage of capital was causing the frequent suspension of work on the canal. In an attempt to alleviate continuing financial woes, the Canal Commission issued scrip to canal contractors and laborers. Scrip was payable ninety days after date of issue and was supported by state-negotiated bonds. In 1841-42 Illinois was unable to pay the interest on its bonds, rendering the scrip virtually worthless. Eventually the state agreed to accept scrip as payment for land. In this manner many canal workmen became landowners, settling in the area as farmers or laborers.

Peru was incorporated as a city on March 15, 1851, with Theron Brewster elected first mayor. The 1851 city limits included all property between Water and Eighth, Calhoun and Peru Streets. Incorporation enabled the city to issue bonds for the construction of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad. The Illinois General Assembly had granted a charter to the Rock Island and LaSalle Railroad February 27, 1847, extending the line to Chicago in 1851. The railroad was to be constructed on canal land and operated in conjunction with the canal to draw additional trade from the upper Mississippi River to Chicago. The first tracks were laid in Chicago October 10, 1851, and the line opened to LaSalle in March 1853; by the following summer the line was completed to Rock Island. Passenger traffic on the canal was almost entirely eliminated as a result. In February 1857 the city limits were extended north to Shooting Park and Cemetery Roads and thus included all of Sections 16 and 17. In 1858 Peru boasted seven public schools, six churches, 718 dwellings and tenements, three factories, three breweries, and numerous commercial establishments.

In the same year Peru reported a population of 3652, half of whom were foreign born (30% German, 13% Irish). An additional 24% were first-generation Americans. Although the Irish formed a substantial minority, it was the German immigrants who made the greater contribution to the town's development. They arrived in Peru with the flood of Germans who settled throughout the Midwest during the mid-nineteenth century. The 1857-58 city directory indicates that the immigrants settled in a concentration between the 1600 and 2100 blocks of Third through Fifth Streets. The directory further suggests that at this time the majority of the Germans were laborers, forming the backbone of Peru's workforce rather than the community's political or economic leadership. Nonetheless, the immigrants exerted their influence in numerous permanent ways.

This German legacy is marked, for example, by the more than one-half dozen randomly coursed sandstone structures remaining in the settlement area, the only grouping of such buildings in Peru. Perhaps the best preserved of these are the massed plan, side-gable, two-and-one-half story houses at 1910 and 1923 Fourth Street. Their blockiness and striking lack of decorative details

are typical of vernacular German-American architecture. Other examples of stone construction are found in the massive gable-front house at 1709 Fifth Street (outside the survey area), the smaller cottages-turned-stores at 1920 and 2007 Fourth Street, and the much-altered commercial building at 2000 Fourth Street.

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The community is spiritually represented by St. Joseph's Church (Schuyler Street at Fifth), established in 1854 for Peru's German Catholics, who formed a majority of the immigrants. The congregation's 1877 church, a very good example of Gothic Revival architecture, also in stone, was not included in the survey. The parish is also distinguished by St. Joseph's Halle, an eclectic two-and-one-half story brick building constructed in 1914. This structure was designed to house an auditorium, bowling alleys, club rooms and kitchen, which suggests the church's important social function as a center for cultural activities. The complex also includes a large neoclassical brick rectory built in 1905; it has been extensively altered. The Zion German Evangelical Church (now Zion Church of Christ) was founded in 1852 to serve the area's smaller German Protestant element. Although its 1866 Gothic Revival structure at Sixth and Grant Streets has been altered by a major addition to the facade, the church has served as another center of German influence.

The Peru Turnvereine was organized in 1854 as a center for German social, musical and athletic activities. In 1865 the group constructed a frame gymnasium at Ninth and Peoria Streets, moving it to Fourth Street in 1874. The four-story frame Turn Hall constructed next door was then the largest building on Fourth Street and served as another focal point for the German community. When this building was destroyed by fire in 1892, a four-story brick replacement was constructed immediately, at a cost of \$45,000. This Romanesque Revival building was demolished in the 1980s.

Peru's City Hall and Market House was erected in 1855 at a cost of \$12,000. Located at the foot of West Street between First and Second Streets, the building contained a council chamber, public hall, market stalls, and jail. When the city moved its administrative offices to their current location at Putnam and Third streets in 1960, the structure was leased to the American Nickeloid Company and demolished within a decade. City offices are now located in the former Central School, 706 Putnam Street; the second story has been removed from this 1904 Romanesque Revival building.

Peru's first post office was established in February 1836. The post office operated from a series of Water Street storefronts until 1903, when it moved to a Fourth Street site. In 1908 the office then moved to the south side of Fourth between Peoria and Fulton Streets, where it remained for twenty-five years. In 1932 the federal government funded the construction of a new Post Office at the southwest corner of Fourth and West Streets. This high-style neoclassical limestone building has been extremely well preserved.

The citizens of Peru began campaigning for a public library in 1908. Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated \$15,000 for the construction of a

building with the provision that the city would arrange a site and appropriate \$1,500 annually for the building's maintenance. The Peru Library was erected on the southeast corner of Putnam and Third streets, opening in December of 1911. With its dark, rusticated brick, and red tile roof, the building displays some Spanish Colonial Revival influence; it retains excellent integrity. The structure has been vacant since the opening of a new library at West and Eleventh streets in 1985.

INDUSTRY

The principal catalysts for the development of industry in Peru were its richness in important natural resources -- fertile soil and bituminous coal -- and its accessibility to major transportation routes -- the Illinois River, the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroads.

The earliest industries in Peru were small-scale, producing goods for local consumption. They included flour mills, sawmills, blacksmith shops and breweries. The cultivation of corn, oats and wheat dominated the local economy from the 1840s until about 1880, during which time Peru served as a center for agricultural trade and service. The earliest major industry was the Peru Plow and Wheel Company, established in 1858 to manufacture agricultural implements. In 1858 local factories also produced fanning mills -- machines that separated wheat from chaff -- and corn shellers. Peru's lumber products industry arose on Water Street in the mid-nineteenth century because of the adjacent Illinois River and steamboat basin of the I & M Canal. Lumber yards appeared here as early as 1848, and a planing mill by the 1870s.

The presence of high quality bituminous coal in the area was confirmed by a state geologist in 1855, the year a mine shaft was first sunk in LaSalle. Coal mining was a significant factor in the county economy during the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, although only two companies operated in Peru. Local coal companies used deep shaft mines 400 to 500 feet underground and were eventually unable to compete with strip mining conducted near Ottawa, Joliet, and elsewhere in the state. The Union Coal Company of Peru was the last to operate in the area, closing in the 1940s.

Heavy industry flourished in Peru until well into the twentieth century because of cheap, readily available energy and transportation. A foundry operated here as early as 1857. By 1900 Charles Brunner's foundry, located near the I&M Canal steamboat basin, was the city's largest. The area's first major heavy industry dependent on coal was LaSalle's Mathiessen and Hegler (M & H) Zinc Works, established in 1858. The Illinois Zinc Company, which became M & H's largest competitor, was incorporated in Peru in 1870. By 1880 zinc smelting had become the most lucrative local industry. The Illinois Zinc Company produced spelter (zinc slabs), sheet zinc, sulphuric acid, and acid phosphates.

Around the turn of the century, several industries arose which were dependent on the zinc smelting companies. They included the American Nickeloid Company, National Sheet Metal Company, and Maze Nail Company. American Nickeloid, established in 1898, was among the first manufacturers of nickel-coated zinc sheets in the United States. National Sheet Metal Company was first organized in 1901 as the Peru Sheet Metal Plating and Novelty Company. Its works occupied a mid-nineteenth century commercial block on Water Street until about 1985.

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Among Peru's manufacturing concerns the most important was the Western Clock Company, also known as Westclox. Begun in 1885 as the United Clock Company, Westclox emerged in the early 1900s as the nation's largest manufacturer of alarm clocks, and pocket and wrist watches. Much of Westclox's sprawling factory complex, located on the east side of Peru, was built in the 1910s and 1920s. The company also owned a great deal of real estate in the city. By 1950 Westclox had as many as 3,500 people on its payroll and was by far Peru's largest single employer. Peru's industries were prosperous through the 1920s, but, similar to other towns in the Upper Illinois Valley, experienced financial setbacks during the Depression. While some measure of prosperity returned after World War II, many of Peru's manufacturing companies have recently closed or moved to the southern United States, where labor and other expenses are cheaper.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Water Street developed as Peru's earliest commercial district because of its proximity to the Illinois River and I & M Canal. The steamboat route from New Orleans and St. Louis, established in 1828, terminated at Peru where a deep channel in the Illinois River provided a steamboat turnaround. By the early 1840s area farmers had progressed from subsistence farming to the cultivation of cash crops, and Peru had developed into a thriving trade center. Farmers from a 100-mile radius travelled here to sell their produce and purchase finished goods. With the opening of the I & M Canal in 1848, cargo and passengers bound for Chicago were transferred from steamboat to barges at Water Street.

Because of the ease and economy of shipping on the Illinois River, commercial enterprises flourished on Water Street from 1835 to 1880. This area's earliest stores were housed in frame structures, none of which have survived. By the late 1840s, however, two- and three-story stone and brick structures with little applied ornamentation began to appear. The commercial block at 1527-1529 Water Street is an excellent example of early brick commercial architecture in Peru. This Italianate structure, the western half of which predates 1862, retains its cast-iron cornice, window hoods and sills. The building is one of the most ornate early commercial structures on Water Street. The east half of the building was erected between 1862 and 1868, and features a simple brick cornice, segmental-arched lintels and sills of limestone.

Several other brick commercial structures on Water Street date from the 1850s. These buildings display elements and details of the Italianate style, such as denticulated brick cornices and recessed brickwork in the frieze and between stories. The building at 1521 Water Street also retains its mid-nineteenth century storefront. Other significant structures are grouped in a three-block area of Water Street between Peoria and West Streets.

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As the city of Peru expanded, Water Street became a less desirable business location, although the area maintained its commercial vitality into the 1890s. The decline of Water Street as a commercial area--because of its poor location and tendency toward flooding--paralleled the rise of Fourth Street. Merchants looking for new store sites saw a ready-made market for their goods and services here in the German settlement. This pre-established commercial district seems to have encouraged the mass exodus from Water to Fourth Street during the late nineteenth century, rather than to another, untried area of Peru.

By 1857 "August Bulfer's grocery[,], John Aaron's grocery in the Anton Meyer building[,], Dr. Raith's drug and fancy goods stores[,], and Conrad Eickenfelder's saloon" (Peru Centennial, p. 20) had been established at the corners of Fourth and Peoria Streets. The area was called "The Four Corners," a moniker that has lasted through the present.

By 1875 the German commercial district was as well established as it was exclusive. Of the eight dry goods stores in Peru, for example, four were located on or within one-half block of Fourth Street; all of these were operated by men with German surnames (i.e., Birkenbeuel, Bulfer, Gerringer, Raith). Similarly, of the city's twenty-one groceries, eleven were on Fourth Street and all, again, were managed by Germans. Bakeries, saloons, barbershops, and hardware stores were correspondingly represented. Parallel figures appear in the city's 1885-86 index. In contrast, none of Peru's five lawyers or six insurance companies, and only one of its five physicians, maintained offices on Fourth Street in 1875.

As late as 1888 the Fourth Street commercial district was concentrated in the 1800 block, flanked by the Four Corners on the east and the Turnvereine Hall and Washington House on the west. The latter, operated as a boarding house from before 1885 until at least 1909, is a two-story, T-shaped frame building with false front. Although its clapboard siding has been stuccoed, the structure stands otherwise unchanged at 1902 Fourth Street.

Nine of the fourteen businesses on the north side of the 1800 block of Fourth Street in 1888 were located in two-story brick buildings. The remainder operated from one- or two-story frame structures. On the south side of the street, however, no brick buildings had as yet been constructed. Three of the seven businesses were located in stone buildings, the remainder in frame structures. Even at this late date, one residence was still used as such on the south side.

The 1900 block of Fourth Street was then residential, although some commercial

infiltration had occurred with the partial use of residences as stores. The gable-front, two-story frame house at No. 1917 dates from this period, although in a highly altered state. At No. 1925-27 a false-front saloon and grocery had also been constructed by 1888. Indeed, this building is perhaps the oldest extant commercial structure in downtown Peru, as well as the only frame commercial structure in the city to retain its architectural integrity. Although re-sided with asbestos shingles, the building retains historic storefronts (nineteenth century and c. 1935) and is one the best preserved commercial buildings in Peru.

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Most of Fourth Street's extant commercial structures date from the building boom that occurred between 1889 and 1905. Stores were constructed for the downtown's new merchants, those who had moved "up the hill" from Water Street. Many more, however, were erected as replacements for early houses or frame commercial buildings that had outlived their usefulness for the increasingly successful German merchants. Fourth Street thus began to emerge as the city's predominant commercial district and lose its ethnic exclusiveness.

The buildings constructed on Fourth Street around the turn of the century are, almost without exception, brick, two stories high, and one or two storefronts wide. The Christian Haas Building (No. 1824) is downtown Peru's only example of Italianate architecture. It was constructed in 1889 to house Haas' furniture store, a function it served until 1932. The structure retains its cast-iron frontispiece, cornice, and elaborate hoodmolds, although the first floor has been extensively altered. Most other buildings of the period display Queen Anne-style features, such as the Masonic Temple/Charles Seepe and Sons Dry Goods Store (No. 1709-1713), Henry Hoerner Building (No. 1801), Louis Graf Building (No. 1830), and 1701 Fourth Street.

The Masonic Temple, constructed in 1896, is Fourth Street's only three-story structure and one of its most elaborate. It features pressed metal, two-story bays with elaborate decorative relief; the building housed the Seepe store until 1930. The 1902 Hoerner Building was constructed and named for a prominent local industrialist and politician. Hoerner was nine-time mayor of the city as well as owner of the Union Brewing/Star Union Products Company for fifty years. The structure features an elaborate second floor with corner turret and keystone brick lintels, although the storefront itself has been extensively altered. The Graf Building is one of the best preserved commercial structures in Peru. This modest Queen Anne-style building features a corner turret with bell-kicked conical roof. Unlike most of Peru's other storefronts, this building retains its glass block transoms and central entrance with flanking display windows. It replaced Graf's frame, pre-1888 agricultural implements factory on the same site. Constructed between 1906 and 1909, No. 1701 is the youngest Queen Anne-style structure on Fourth Street. It features an elaborate parapet roofline and projecting bays, although its first floor has been re-sided in metal. From 1915 or before until at least 1940, Walther Drug Store was located here.

The building at No. 1701 is an exception to Fourth Street's early twentieth century commercial architecture, which quickly assumed the blocky massing and simpler details so typical of this era. With their simple cornices and regular, relatively unadorned second-story fenestration, Nos. 1609, 1727, and 2013 provide good examples of early twentieth-century construction in Peru. Indeed, No. 1727 was constructed for immigrant August Bulfer as a replacement for his frame, pre-1888 bakery and confectionery on the same site.

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By the second decade of this century, few structures were being erected in the Fourth Street commercial area, although a number of nineteenth century buildings were re-faced. The most notable example is the Peru National Bank, a 1925 neoclassical incorporation of three formerly independent late nineteenth-century commercial buildings (No. 1808). Although the bank's monumental size somewhat overwhelms its neighbors, its Greek Doric details are well proportioned and executed.

The 1931 Peru Theatre, 1911 Fourth Street, is the most important commercial building constructed in Peru since 1910. It is one of the city's only examples of art moderne architecture, exhibiting a glazed-brick face with stepped roofline and terra cotta trim. The structure is an excellent example of the style and is eligible for listing on the National Register, although it has been abandoned since 1981 and is deteriorating severely.

Peru's downtown commercial district has never expanded extensively beyond a five-block area of Fourth Street (between West and Plum Streets); although fringe development exists on both edges. Since World War II downtown construction has been modest both in quality and quantity. Most post-1940 structures are flat-roofed, one story, faced in brick or formstone, and possess neither the massing nor details with which to blend with late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings. Additionally, a number of early commercial buildings have recently been re-faced in metal or stucco, further compromising the character of the historic district.

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE

Because of the complete reorientation of Peru's business district from Water to Fourth Street, the houses located between these thoroughfares were also surveyed; Peru was the only community in the 1986 project with a substantial number of residences inventoried. This residential area, which marks Peru's original plat and first addition, possesses some of the city's earliest buildings and most important residences.

The oldest house for which a reliable construction date can be ascribed is the 1841 Theron Brewster House at 1806-1808 Third Street. This L-shaped, two-and-a-half-story brick Greek Revival-style building was constructed for Peru's most influential resident in the nineteenth century. Brewster was an early settler who platted the Ninewah Addition and served as the city's first mayor; he also established the Peru Plow and Wheel Company and the First National Bank. Unfortunately his home has been re-faced with stucco and its

fenestration substantially altered, and is now surrounded by modest, early to mid-twentieth-century houses.

Another documented residence from this early period is the John L. McCormick House (520 Peoria Street). With its pedimented gable and flat-roofed, facade-long porch on wood columns, this 1848 two-story brick structure is typical of Greek Revival-style houses in the area. McCormick founded two of Peru's largest businesses in the nineteenth century--an ice-harvesting operation and the Five Day line, a packet-boat operation between LaSalle and St. Louis. He was also prominent in farming, stock trading, and bridge construction.

The Churchill Coffing House (1323 Center Street) and 1009 Fourth Street provide other high-style examples of Greek Revival architecture. Coffing was an early settler in Peru who served as village trustee (1840-46), president of the village board (1841-43), and first city clerk (1851). Little is known about the early history of 1009 Fourth Street but both houses remain in a good state of preservation.

The Samuel Maze House (1862) is a large two-story brick building with classical detailing at 1710 Second Street. Maze was an Irish immigrant who settled in Peru in 1838 and opened a lumberyard on Water Street a decade later. He also shipped grain by barge on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, arranging return shipments of lumber and hardware. Maze's son, Walter, assumed the family business in 1885, and soon began the production of zinc-coated nails. He remodelled the house with its neoclassical details after visiting the Columbian Exposition in 1893. Both house and lumberyard remain in the family to the present.

Other early residences are in a vernacular style, exhibiting no evidence of architects or pattern books. These include the Isaac Abrams House (1616 First Street), constructed for a local real estate agent, the William Paul House (1427 Center), 1729 Main Street, and the house in the 1500 block of Third Street now used as the Christian Science Church. All two stories with symmetrical fenestration, the first is brick, the rest are stone, and all have been extensively altered.

The majority of Peru's earliest residents were Protestant New Englanders, who quickly assumed the roles of social and political leadership in Peru, and constructed the town's first grand houses. Brewster, McCormick, Coffing, and Abrams were all transplanted New Englanders. In contrast, the Germans and Irish who settled in Peru in the 1840s formed the community's working class, and appear to have remained within the same economic and ethnic framework for a number of decades. Thus the immigrants' mid-nineteenth-century residences tend to be modest, with few stylistic details, such as the German houses around Fourth Street.

Some immigrants, of course, rose more quickly to positions of wealth and stature in the community, and their houses reflect this prosperity. The Maze

house exemplifies this phenomenon; indeed, it was constructed more than a decade after the grand houses of the New Englanders. Additionally, some German immigrants constructed major houses in Peru during the mid and late nineteenth century, including Ernest Gunther (1516 Second Street) and Herman Brunner (1406 Bluff Street). The former is a two-story stone building (a concession to Gunther's German heritage) with Greek Revival details -- interrupted returns, unadorned but prominent wood frieze, shuttered windows with six-over-six-light, double-hung sash. Of special note is the neoclassical entrance with oversized, broken pediment in the otherwise blind east wall. The house has been maintained in an exemplary manner and well represents its first owner, operator of a barbershop, book store, and bleeding emporium on Water Street during the 1850s.

Herman Brunner arrived in Peru later still, moving from Germany in 1866. He quickly established himself, however, and became co-owner of the Peru Beer Company in 1872; Brunner maintained a controlling interest in the organization until his death in 1889. An undated lithograph of his house (likely from the late nineteenth century) depicts a two-story, T-shaped frame house with cross-gable roof. Shortly thereafter the house received its dormer-trimmed mansard roof, reflecting the Second Empire style -- and one of only two extant structures with this detailing in Peru. Owned by the Brunner family until the 1960s, the building retains much of its architectural integrity.

A number of very modest but early houses are found in the vicinity of Bluff and Center Streets in Peru's original plat. The 1855 City Hall stood at Center and West Streets (Bluff is one block north), making the area a prime location for early residential development. The most prominent of the buildings is Edward Loekle's Meat Market and House, 1430 Center Street (just east of the city site). This pre-1868 L-shaped building features a wide cornice, paired brackets, and six-over-six-light, double-hung sash windows with shouldered lintels. Although recently divided into apartments and re-faced with asphalt shingles, the house retains much of its architectural integrity. Loekle operated his business here until at least 1926, expanding with a second store on Fourth Street in 1888.

Other mid-nineteenth-century houses are less well documented. Many are gable-front, two-story frame buildings (all re-sided in the twentieth century) with three-bay facades and pre-1888 one-story wings to the side or rear. Some also had facade-long porches; only 1429 Bluff Street retains this feature with any integrity. Other examples are found at 1422, 1423, and 1428 Bluff Street. The 1868 bird's-eye view of Peru and later Sanborn Maps indicate that, with the exception of the gable-front houses on Bluff and Center, the town's earliest houses were located on large, tree-filled lots. Because the area remained desirable through the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, parcels were subdivided and new houses constructed between the old. Later residences are generally frame and represent most popular architectural styles. Of note is the Italianate house at 1617 Second Street. This large, two-story frame building features the milk carton-like proportions and low pitched, hipped, bracketed roof so typical of the style. Further

distinguished by its facade-long porch, the house retains excellent integrity. It is one of the few examples of Italianate architecture in the survey area.

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A number of T-shaped frame cottages were constructed for the growing middle class around the turn of the century, as Peru continued its strong industrial development. These houses are distinguished by their restrained detailing and generally simple massing. Many have been altered, but 1728 and 1829 Second Street and 1304 Bluff Street (with its paired hexagonal bays) retain their integrity.

The John Cahill House, 1628 Second Street, was constructed in 1892 for the heir to a prominent coal dealership. This severely deteriorating building combines elements from the Beaux Arts, shingle, and Queen Anne styles in its irregular massing, oversized, shingled gables, and wraparound porch with trebled columns. The John and Mary Mischke House (1527 Second Street) is another notable turn-of-the-century residence, influenced by the shingle and Queen Anne styles, built for the owner of a local bottling works. Featuring historical paint colors, a canted, two-story bay, and wraparound porch, this house is one of the best maintained and most accurately preserved buildings in the survey. The Charles Brunner House (1021 Fourth Street) is the only stone Queen Anne-style building in Peru. It is distinguished by its two- and three-story towers and rough-faced ashlar detailing. The house was constructed for the founder of a local iron works whose family resided here until at least 1926.

As the twentieth century progressed, fewer substantial houses were erected in this residential area because of sheer lack of space. The Thomas F. Noon House (1909), an excellent example of Colonial Revival-style architecture at 1322 Fourth Street, is among the last of the neighborhood's major buildings. The Dutch Colonial Revival and American Foursquare styles are best represented by the houses at 1515 and 1616 Second Streets, respectively. Most post-1940 residential construction here has been modest and intrusive.

METHODOLOGY

Planning

The survey area in Peru was roughly bounded by Fourth Street (north), the Illinois River (south), Buffalo Street (east), and Calhoun Street (west--see survey map). This area encompasses Peru's earliest commercial and industrial district on Water Street, the later commercial core on Fourth Street, and the nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood between.

Research

Mary Hahne, Peru Public Library, provided the team with an orientation of the local history collection. County and city histories, directories, newspapers, photographs, maps, atlases, and plat books were essential to the survey. The

library obtained additional materials such as federal reports and census data through interlibrary loan.

Although current tax information is available from the county assessor's office, historical records have apparently been lost. The former provided legal description of the sites, as well as the names and addresses of current owners. Peru began requiring building permits in 1966, which indicated the construction dates of recent structures and additions.

Maps were essential in determining the construction dates of buildings surveyed. An 1868 bird's-eye view was useful in identifying the earliest structures, which date from the canal's construction. Sanborn Company fire insurance maps proved instrumental in establishing dates for buildings erected between 1888 and 1926. Photocopies from the Library of Congress of maps dating from 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, and 1926 were available. In addition, the team was able to obtain an excellent large-scale map of the city from Chamlin and Associates, Inc., a local engineering firm.

Fieldwork

Three team members were assigned to the Peru survey, which proceeded according to the general methodology, outlined above. Two hundred fifty-eight structures were surveyed, 79 of which pre-date 1886. The results appear in Table 2-1.

Finally, the buildings were evaluated and categorized according to the general methodology, outlined above.

TABLE 1-1
PERU SURVEY RESULTS
Dates of construction of surveyed buildings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Religious</u>	<u>Industrial</u>
1835-1885	20	71			
1886-1895	5	27			2
1896-1905	10	42	1		1
1906-1915	8	19	1		
1916-1925	5	10			
1926-1940	1	3	1		
Post-1940	17	10	2	1	1

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 703 West Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid twentieth century 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sn-2
6. CONDITION Very good. Rectangular, massed plan, side gable, two-story house faced in stretcher-bond brick. Two-bay facade with two paired nine-over-one double-hung sash windows on second story and south side of first-floor facade. Large, gabled entrance porch (enclosed) with brackets and large brick pillars on north half of facade. Smooth concrete waterable and brick foundation with basement. West-facing; located in an neighborhood of well-maintained late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences. This house was constructed in the mid twentieth century. This building is a good example of the Colonial Revival style, and one of a number of representatives of this style to survive in Peru. It represents the city's continued economic growth through the first decades of the twentieth century, as well as the parallel growth of the middle class during that period. It retains much of its original integrity. The building is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale, and materials.	

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

703 West Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892 and 1897
2. LOCATION 616 West Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
6. CONDITION Fair.	5. RATING SH-3

legal description: S 1/2
lots 1,2, block 59, Ninewah

Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with three-bay facade. Hipped roof of asphalt shingles. Shingled in two types of asbestos. Projecting, pedimented, two-story central facade section with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows in canted second-story bay, transomed entrance on first floor protected by flat-roofed porch on wood posts. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed about remainder of building. Stuccoed foundation. East-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century residences.

This house was constructed between 1892 and 1897. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by Eric Nelson and his family.

The building is a good example of Queen Anne-style architecture, one of many representatives of the style in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although the building has been re-sided in two types of asbestos shingles, it retains much of its original appearance. It is located among other late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

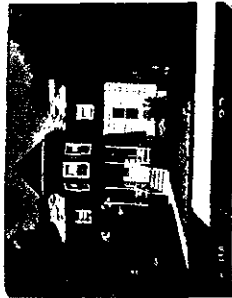
7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
616 West Street

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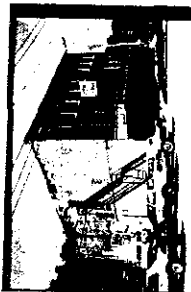
1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	owner: Victor Anderes 1701 Water St. Peru, Ill. 61354 legal description: W 20.5' Lot 8, blk. 151, Ninewa Add.	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1868 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) tavern and inn / bar and restaurant 5. RATING Ce-2
2. LOCATION 1719-27 Water Street Peru, Illinois		
6. CONDITION Good. <p>Stone foundation (assumed). Load-bearing brick construction set in common bond. Three stories in height. Rectangular plan. Main (south) facade five bays wide. Flat roof with parapet. Limestone belt course. Recessed cross-shaped decorative brickwork in frieze and between second and third floors. Wood porch of recent construction across the main facade; full balcony with wrought-iron rail at second floor. Projecting enclosed paneled wood entryway with wood door at west end, first floor. Centrally placed wood door at second floor opens onto balcony. Regular fenestration pattern. No windows on first floor. Five one-over-one recessed aluminum double-hung sash windows set in paneled infill, second floor. Five two-over-two recessed wooden double-hung sash windows, third floor. This Italianate commercial structure was originally operated as two storefronts (1719-21) and currently houses a restaurant and bar (Friday's Food and Live Music). Several vacant lots lie to the west; another bay occupies the similar adjacent commercial structure at 1717. Located at the western end of the Water Street commercial district overlooking the Illinois River, once a bustling area but now largely abandoned.</p> <p>Built prior to 1868. Housed Phillip Link's saloon in 1876. From at least 1885 until at least 1909, 1721 was operated as National House, hotel and saloon, Valentine Link, proprietor. Carriage repository located in 1719 from ca. 1888 to ca. 1909. Therafter 1719 provided storage space for Otto Link's saloon at 1721. Link served soft drinks during the early 1920s. Building subsequently vacant until ca. 1935. Continuously operated as a tavern since that time.</p> <p>This building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history. It provides an excellent local example of a mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial structure and retains good architectural integrity. Mid-nineteenth-century frame commercial structures which stood to west have been razed, but matching brick building to east remains. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this building.</p>		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1719-27 Water Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION

1717 Water Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: Victor Anderes

1701 Water St.

Peru, IL. 61354

legal description: E 40'

Lot 8, blk. 151, ninewa Add.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-1868

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

tavern

5. RATING

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6. CONDITION

Good.

Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction set in common bond. Three stories in height. Rectangular plan. Main (south) facade three bays wide. Flat roof with parapet. Limestone belt course. Recessed cross-shaped decorative brickwork in frieze and between second and third floors. Rustic wood porch of recent construction with square posts and open rail across main facade. Full balcony with open rail, second floor. Centrally placed recessed wood door, and wood vertical board door in east bay, first floor. Three small fixed windows around recessed entrance. On the second floor the easternmost window has been enlarged to accommodate a single wood door opening onto the balcony. Two one-over-one recessed wooden double-hung sash windows west of door. Three of the same type of windows, third floor. On the east facade three one-story rectangular frame structures with flat roofs form a passageway connecting 1717 to 1701. This Italianate commercial structure currently houses a bar (Neighbor's Lounge) associated with the Red Cross Inn (1701). Located on the western end of the Water Street commercial district, overlooking the Illinois River, once bustling but now largely abandoned.

Built prior to 1868. Served as wholesale and retail liquor store from at least 1888 until 1919. Vacant during 1920s. Soda fountain from 1930 until ca. 1935. Operated as a tavern continuously from ca. 1935 to present.

This building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history. It provides an excellent local example of a mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial structure and retains good architectural integrity. A series of unobtrusive small-scale frame structures has replaced the mid-nineteenth-century ones which stood to the east, and a matching brick building to west remains. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth-century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this building.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1717 Water Street

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Orth Block	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1858 and 1876
2. LOCATION 1701-05 Water Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) grocery / restaurant
Owner: Victor Anderes 1701 Water St. Peru, IL 61354	5. RATING Ce-2
legal description: Lot 9, 10, blk. 15L, Ninewa Add.	

6. CONDITION
Good.

Limestone foundation. Load-bearing brick construction set in common bond. Randomly coursed sandstone rubble veneer with star-shaped cast-iron tie rod anchors, west facade. Two stories in height. Rectangular plan. Main (south) facade nine bays wide. A commercial block originally composed of a series of buildings separated by sandstone party walls and presenting a unified appearance. Flat roof with parapet. Ornamental brickwork forms cornice. Brick belt course. Rustic-wood porch across the main facade and wraps partially around the east facade. Between the wood-paneled doors at either end of the main facade are two sets of paired fixed windows and one single fixed window, set in pedimented wood surrounds, irregularly distributed. Second floor: four wooden one-over-one double-hung sash windows symmetrical about a single wood door, west end; and four wooden two-over-two double-hung sash windows, east end. Second-story windows have limestone lintels and lug sills. On west facade, a rambling series of three one-story rectangular flat-roofed frame structures, clad in wood shingles and incorporating a railroad car, form passageway connecting 1701 to 1717. This Italianate commercial structure is located on the northwest corner of Putnam and Water Street overlooking the Illinois River in Peru's earliest business district.

Erected by John and Jacob Orth between 1858 and 1876. East storefront housed Orth's grocery until at least 1885. Replaced two-story frame structure which housed William Cooke's grocery. Building vacant from at least 1888 until at least 1897. In 1905 K.Link Saloon, liquor store and storage utilized all four storefronts; operated by J. Link from 1909 until 1919. Served as soda fountain during Prohibition. Saloon, liquor store and storage during 1940s. Warehouse for Debo Hardware from 1948 through 1950s. Red Door Inn Restaurant since 1966.

This building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history. It provides an excellent local example of a mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial structure and retains good architectural integrity. Mid-nineteenth-century frame commercial structures which stood to the west have been replaced with the series of unobtrusive small-scale frame additions. A block of similar brick Italianate commercial structures stands to the east across Putnam Street. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth-century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Orth Block

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	
Joseph Francis Kilduff House		1909	
Owner: Henry Pelkey		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	
		residence	
2. LOCATION		5. RATING	
1722 Third Street		Sm-3	
Peru, Illinois		legal description: Nineva Addition Block 57 Lot 4	

6. CONDITION	<p>good</p> <p>Coursed limestone ashlar foundation. Wood frame, one-and-a-half-story bungalow with stucco cladding. Steeply pitched side gable roof extends over porch, asphalt shingles, central dormer with closed gable, two one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Porch on main (north) facade has four stuccoed piers, two bays: six-over-one double-hung sash window with wooden surround to east, aluminum storm door to west. House located on north edge of residential district.</p>
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7. DESCRIPTION	<p>Home built for Joseph Francis Kilduff, son of the president of Francis Kilduff, Inc., a dry goods store, and grandson of one of Peru's earliest residents -- Patrick M. Kilduff, who moved from Harper's Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia), to Peru in 1883, and served as mayor of Peru, magistrate and county commissioner. J.F. Kilduff Jr., who later took over his father's dry good business, built the house in 1909 and owned it through 1935. After several changes in ownership, it was purchased in 1958 by Henry H. Pelkey, an engineer with Sinclair Refining.</p>
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	<p>This house is a good example of the bungalows built in Peru during the early 20th century -- an era marked by steadily increasing population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industry. The house is of historical significance because it was built by one of Peru's oldest families -- the Kilduffs who moved here from Virginia in 1838. A two-story gabled-ell house stands east as does another bungalow.</p>
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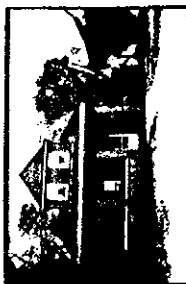
9. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>TOWN OF PERU HABS No. IL-312 (pg 24)</p>
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Joseph Francis Kilduff House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1888-92	
2. LOCATION 1802 Third Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
Owner: Eureka Savings & Loan LaSalle, Illinois		5. RATING Sm-3	
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 56 Lot 1, Lot 10 N 25'			

6. CONDITION

fair

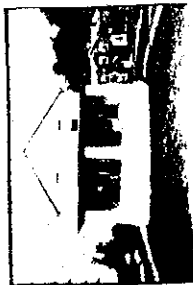
Concrete-block foundation. Two-story, rectangular, frame duplex with stucco cladding. Front-gable roof, asphalt shingles, central chimney. Flat-roof, one-story porch along north (main) facade of house with three stuccoed piers. Symmetrical fenestration on main facade: paired central aluminum storm doors, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows, first floor; two one-over-one double-hung sash windows, second floor. House located at north edge of residential area.

Duplex built between 1888 and 1892. From 1905-13 the house was occupied by a series of working men. Between 1913 and 1921 it was occupied by Henry Dwornik, a bartender for Charles Bulfer. It changed ownership many times until purchased by Irene Thran in 1963. In 1967 the building was moved across the street to its present location on the southwest corner of Peoria and Third streets. Thran continued to live in half and rent out the other through 1974.

This well-maintained gable-front duplex was built between 1888 and 1892 when Peru's population and prosperity continued along a path of steady growth based on the town's thriving industries. The house is a good example of the modest houses inhabited by working men during that period and is one of the few duplexes recorded during the survey. Its integrity has been somewhat marred by its re-location. Directly west are houses of various ages and styles.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1802 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Weberling Bros. Bakery		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1920	
2. LOCATION 1601 Water Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) bakery / vacant	
Owner: NSM, INC. P.O. Box 78 Peru, IL 61354 Legal description: Pt. Lot 10, blk 152, Ninewa Add.		5. RATING Cn-4	

6. CONDITION

Poor.

Rock-faced stone rubble foundation. Structural clay tile with brick veneer, set in common bond. Brown brick veneer on two-bay main (south) facade. Two stories, rectangular plan, flat roof. First floor: tall wood double doors flanked by aluminum one-over-one double-hung sash windows set in panel-infilled window with brick lintels. A steel pulley system projects from the double doors. Two aluminum one-over-one double-hung sash windows with brick lintels appear on the second floor. This abandoned commercial structure overlooks the Illinois River. It is located in Peru's earliest business district, now largely abandoned, and is surrounded by vacant lots.

Built between ca. 1920 for Weberling Brothers Bakery. Established on this site in 1908 by August, Edward and Max Weberling. Occupied two additional structures which stood to west but have been razed. Bakery closed 1951. Served as warehouse for "C & M" Household Appliance Co. from 1960 until 1972. Vacant since 1972.

Represents one of a very few commercial buildings erected on Water Street during the first quarter of the twentieth century, a period of prosperity for Peru, but decline for Water Street. Commercial growth concentrated on Fourth Street by the mid-1890s. This brick structure is compatible in style, scale and materials with the mid-nineteenth-century brick commercial buildings in adjacent blocks. Brick commercial Miller's Block which stood to west on a corner lot has been razed.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Weberling Bros. Bakery

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

W-1: frame #12



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION west: pre-1862, east: ca. 1862-1868
2. LOCATION 1527 Water Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) commercial / vacant
Owner: Francis J. Flaherty 520 Peoria St. Peru, IL. 61354 Legal description: W 2/3 Lot 7, blk. 153, Nineva Add.	5. RATING Cc-1

6. CONDITION
 Good.

Stone foundation (assumed). Load-bearing brick construction set in common bond. Three stories. Rectangular plan. South (main) facade six bays wide. Italianate commercial block, composed of what were originally two three-bay commercial structures. West building erected prior to 1862, east building between 1862 and 1868. Remodeled to form a single storefront in 1930. West section: Flat roof; cast-iron cornice with brackets, dentils, modillion blocks. Corbelled cast-iron cornice above storefront with dentils, modillion blocks and centrally-placed cartouche. Double wood paneled doors with transom and sidelights in canted southwest corner. Two display windows with cast-iron kickplates, framed with slender twisted cast-iron colonettes complete west storefront. Three four-over-one wooden double-hung sash windows with cast-iron segmental hoods and corbelled lintels, second and third floors. East section: flat roof with brick dentils and cornice. Simple cast-iron cornice above storefront. Central recessed double wood-and-glass doors with two-light transom. Entrance flanked by two display windows with cast-iron kickplates, framed with slender twisted cast-iron colonettes. Three round-headed wooden four-over-one double-hung sash windows with limestone lug sills and segmental lintels with keystones, second and third floors. Vacant commercial block located in Peru's earliest business district, overlooking the Illinois River.

West section (1529) erected prior to 1862. East section (1527) constructed between 1862 and 1868. J.H. McMillan dry goods located in 1529 in 1862. Clothing store in 1527 from at least 1885 until at least 1892. Interior of two storefronts remodeled into one between 1892 and 1897 for Lennartz and Kreiss grocery, in residence until ca. 1935. Helmig grocery from ca. 1935 until ca. 1938. Storage for Urbanowski Department Store and Furniture Mart from ca. 1940 until 1979. Murphy's Tavern from 1980 until 1985. Vacant since that time.

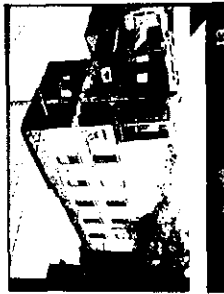
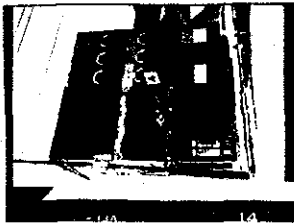
This building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history. It provides an excellent local example of a mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial block and retains excellent integrity with an intact storefront. Corner lot in a block of brick and stone Italianate commercial structures. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth-century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1527 Water Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

W-1: frame #13, #14



A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, Peru and LaSalle City Directory for 1876, (city?: A.L. Hennessey, 1876).

Birdseye View of Peru, Illinois, [ca. 1868].

R.R. Donnelley and Sons, La Salle and Peru City Directory, 1885-1886, (Chicago: R.R. Donnelley and Sons, 1885).

Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois, (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, and 1926).

Louis H. Shadensack, Peru's Water Street a Century Ago, (Peru, Illinois: W.H. Maze Co., 1966).

Photographs of Water Street dating from 1862 and 1875.

12. SOURCES

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1862
2. LOCATION 1525 Water Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) saloon/ restaurant
Owner: Henry Znaniacki 1525 Water St. Peru, IL. 61354 legal description: E 1/3 Lot 7 blk. 153, Ninewa Add.	5. RATING Ce-2

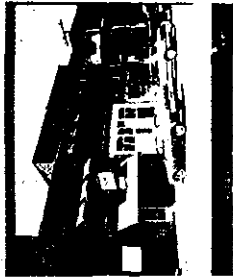
6. CONDITION Good.	<p>Stone foundation (assumed). Load-bearing brick construction set in common bond. Two stories in height. Rectangular plan. South (main) facade three bays wide. Flat roof. Brick cornice with dentil and limestone coping. Limestone belt course. Recessed cross-shaped brickwork in frieze. Storefront substantially altered. Wood paneling obscures brick. Single aluminum door with multipaned sidelight, west bay. Second similar door, east bay. Fixed aluminum windows between second floor; three one-over-one aluminum double-hung sash windows with limestone lug sill and brick relieving arch. Italianate commercial structure located mid-block in Peru's earliest business district, overlooking Illinois River, currently houses a restaurant (Henry's).</p>
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7. DESCRIPTION	<p>Built prior to 1862. Operated as a saloon until at least 1876. Otto Lauer and Son meat market from at least 1885 until at least 1897. Vacant from ca. 1905 to ca. 1926. Housed F.A. Kossow Roofing ca. 1926, and Illinois Valley Chemical Products ca. 1928. Operated as a liquor store ca. 1935 to 1938 and ca. 1945. Location of Arthur Boisdorf Shoe Repair ca. 1948 until 1954. Henry's Restaurant, since 1954.</p>
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8. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>This building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history. It provides an excellent local example of a mid-nineteenth century brick Italianate commercial structure and shows good integrity. Brick Italianate commercial structures stand to the east and the west. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this building.</p>
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1525 Water Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
W-1: frame #15



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858 and 1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, 1858).
R.R. Donnelley and Sons, La Salle and Peru City Directory, 1885-1886, (Chicago: R.R. Donnelley and Sons, 1885).
A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, Peru and LaSalle City Directory for 1876, (city?: A.L. Hennessey, 1876).
Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois, (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, and 1926).
Louis H. Shadensack, Peru's Water Street a Century Ago, (Peru, Illinois: W.H. Maze Co., 1966).
Photograph of Water Street dating from 1862.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION

1521 Water Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: John A. Kutter
1928 Shooting Pk. Rd.
Peru, Ill. 61354
legal description: W 20'
Lot 8, blk. 153, Ninewa Add.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-1862

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

commercial / vacant

5. RATING

Ce-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Limestone foundation. Load-bearing stone construction with brick veneer set in common bond. Two stories in height. Rectangular plan. Main (south) facade three bays wide. Flat roof. Ornamental brickwork forms cornice. Limestone belt course above second floor and above storefront. Storefront composed of central recessed double wood doors with tall two-light transom framed with slender twisted cast-iron colonnettes and flanked by partially boarded up display windows with tall three-light transoms. Three two-over-two wood-frame double-hung sash windows with lug sills and heavy segmental lintels of limestone. Italianate commercial structure located mid-block in Peru's earliest business district, overlooking the Illinois River.

May have been built prior to 1862 and the facade veneered in brick prior to 1875. Location of William Morrison Boots and shoes from at least 1862 until at least 1897. Henry Weisheit Saloon ca. 1905. Willmeroth and Trost Hardware ca. 1909. Edward Vrba, upholsterer and undertaker ca. 1916 to ca. 1922. Warehouse for Edward Weiland, Inc. (cigarmakers), ca. 1928 to 1972 and for U.H. Kutter from 1972 to present.

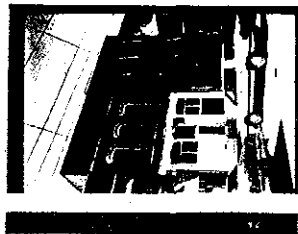
This building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history. It provides an excellent local example of a mid-nineteenth-century brick and stone Italianate commercial structure and shows excellent integrity, including an intact storefront. Brick Italianate commercial structures stand to the east and the west. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth-century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1521 Water Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

W-1: frame #16



Birdseye View of Peru, Illinois, [ca. 1868].

John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858 and 1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, 1858).

R.R. Donnelley and Sons, La Salle and Peru City Directory, 1885-1886, (Chicago: R.R. Donnelley and Sons, 1885).

Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois, (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, and 1926).

U.S. Department of the Interior, Census Office, Report on the Manufacturers of the United States at the Tenth Census, (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1883).

A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, Peru and LaSalle City Directory for 1876, (city?: A.L. Hennessey, 1876).

Louis H. Shadensack, Peru's Water Street a Century Ago, (Peru, Illinois: W.H. Maze Co., 1966).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Ca. 1946
2. LOCATION 1519 Water Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) awning manufacturers
Owner: J. Quincy & Virgil Krate 1420 W. St., P.O. Box 485 Peru, IL. 61354 legal description: Mid 1/3 Lot 8, blk. 153, Ninewa Add.	5. RATING Cr-4

6. CONDITION Good.	<p>Stone load-bearing construction with brick veneer in running stretcher bond. Three stories. Rectangular plan, flat roof. Main (south) facade three bays wide. Storefront composed of centrally-placed wood and glass door with transom, flanked by an aluminum garage door (west) and a fixed aluminum window with aluminum-sided kickplates (east). Three aluminum one-over-one double-hung sash windows with brick header sills, each of second and third floors. Commercial structures located mid-block in Peru's earliest business district, overlooking the Illinois River.</p>
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7. DESCRIPTION	Built ca. 1946. Location of Kratz Co., awning manufacturers, since 1948.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	Although devoid of ornament or style, this brick commercial structure is compatible in scale and materials with the mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial structures which dominate this block. It has little historical significance.
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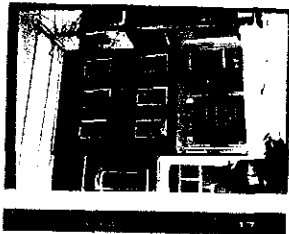
9. SIGNIFICANCE	Although devoid of ornament or style, this brick commercial structure is compatible in scale and materials with the mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial structures which dominate this block. It has little historical significance.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1519 Water Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

W-1: frame #17



Leshnick Directory Co., La Salle-Peru and Oglesby, Illinois City Directory, (Chicago: Leshnick Directory Co., 1928, 1930, 1935, 1940, and 1945).

R.L. Polk and Co., Polk's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (St. Louis: 1948, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1981, and 1983).

Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois, (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, and 1926).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1915
2. LOCATION 1517 Water Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) wholesale produce / commercial (vacant)
Owner: Victor Anderes 1517 Water Street Peru, IL. 61354 legal description: E 20' lot 8, blk. 153, Ninewa Add.	5. RATING Cm-3

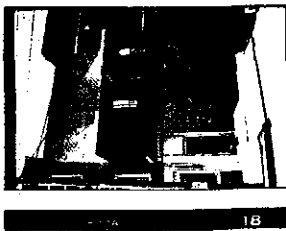
6. CONDITION Good.	<p>Concrete foundation. Concrete block construction. Exterior material rock-faced cast stone, stuccoed on second story. Two stories in height. Rectangular in plan. Main (south) facade two bays wide. Flat roof with chiseled concrete coping and date panel reading "1915." Storefront comprised of central recessed aluminum garage door flanked by a wood door (west) and wood paneling (east). Covered wrought-iron balcony at second floor with small wood door in former window opening (west) and sliding glass door (east). Commercial structure located mid-block in Peru's earliest business district, overlooking the Illinois River.</p>
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	Built 1915. Housed Shelton, Trompeter and Shinski wholesale produce store in 1916. Sanitary Bedding Works ca. 1922 to ca. 1935. Vacant storefront with apartments on second floor since ca. 1948.
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9. SIGNIFICANCE	Represents one of a very few commercial buildings erected on Water Street during the first quarter of the twentieth century, a period of prosperity for Peru, but decline for Water Street. Commercial growth concentrated on Fourth Street by the mid-1890s. The concrete-block building is compatible in scale and style with the mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial structures which surround it, but shows poor integrity.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1517 Water Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
W-1: frame #18



Leshnick Directory Co., La Salle-Peru and Oglesby, Illinois City Directory, (Chicago: Leshnick Directory Co., 1928, 1930, 1935, 1940, and 1945).

R.L. Polk and Co., Polk's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (St. Louis: 1948, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1981, and 1983).

Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois, (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, and 1926).

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE City of Peru Water Department	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1862 and 1875
2. LOCATION 1509 Water Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) commercial / utility 5. RATING Cc-2
6. CONDITION Fair.	

owner: City of Peru
706 Putnam
Peru, IL 61354
legal description: Lots
9, 10, blk. 153, Ninewa Add.

Limestone foundation and water table. Brick load-bearing construction set in common bond. Two stories in height. Rectangular plan. South (main) facade six bays wide. Flat roof. Ornamental brickwork forms cornice. Recessed cross-shaped brickwork appears in frieze. Limestone belt course. The Italianate commercial structure, built sometime between 1862 and 1875, has been severely altered. The west half of the storefront has a stone veneer and simple cast-iron cornice. Two single wood doors alternate with single fixed aluminum-frame windows. At the second story five of the six roundheaded window openings, which retain limestone keystone and sills but have been infilled with brick, are set with aluminum frame one-over-one double-hung sash windows. East of the structure lies a fenced area with high voltage equipment and a tall corrugated-metal structure of recent construction with a flat roof and set on a concrete foundation. Double metal loading doors appear on the east end of the south (main) facade. Both buildings are associated with the City of Peru Water Department and are located in Peru's earliest commercial district, overlooking the Illinois River.

Built between 1862 and 1875. Location of Murray's Dry Goods ca. 1875. Housed James Cahill's dry goods and grocery from at least 1885 until at least 1913. Colliver and Flaherty Grocery ca. 1913 to ca. 1917. Flaherty and Urbanowski grocery ca. 1920 to ca. 1932. Inter-city Grocery ca. 1935 until 1960. Vacant from 1960 until 1972. City of Peru Water Department since 1972.

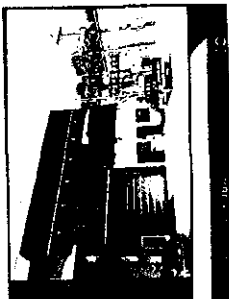
This building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history. It provides an excellent local example of a mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial block but its integrity has been compromised by severe alterations to the storefront. Brick Italianate commercial structures lie to the west, a prefabricated steel structure of recent construction stands to the east. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth-century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this building. It marks the eastern end of the grouping of historic Italianate commercial structures on the Water Street.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

City of Peru Water Department

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

W-1: frame #19, #20



R.R. Donnelley and Sons, La Salle and Peru City Directory, 1885-1886, (Chicago: R.R. Donnelley and Sons, 1885).

A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, Peru and LaSalle City Directory for 1876, (city?: A.L. Hennessey, 1876).

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Louis H. Shadensack, Peru's Water Street a Century Ago, (Peru, Illinois: W.H. Maze Co., 1966).

Photograph of Water Street dating from 1875.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1898 and 1905
2. LOCATION 1828 Third Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
Owner: Douglass Swanson	5. RATING Sm-3
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 56 Lot 5	

6. CONDITION

fair

Coursed roughcut stone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structural system. Stuccoed, one-and-a-half-story house. Combination hip and gable roof, asphalt shingles, central chimney, hipped dormer with square casement window at roof peak. Main (north) facade has asymmetrical fenestration, east to west: canted bay with three one-over-one double-hung sash aluminum storm windows, aluminum storm door with sidelights and transom, fixed one-over-eight window, first floor; window with stylized Palladian motif in gable area. Detached, one-story two-car garage with aluminum siding to south of main block. House located on north edge of residential area.

House built between 1898 and 1905. F.E. Eckenfelder, undertaker and furniture maker, lived here from 1905-40. Other occupants include: Edwin H. Spear, an insurance agent, 1945; Andrew Lesyinski, grinder for Westclox, 1948-1956, and Douglas Swanson, construction worker, 1958-present.

Although stuccoed, this building is a good example of the cross gable houses built in Peru between 1898 and 1905 -- a time of steady population growth and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. The house sits on a corner lot; houses of various ages and styles sit to the east.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1828 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-4 Frame 15



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, A Complete City Directory of La Salle and Peru, (La Salle: Hennessey and Tyler, 1876).

The Peru Directory 1885-1886: Embracing a Complete List of the Residents and Business Houses; Together with Miscellaneous Information of Peru, also a Classified Business Directory and an Editorial Review of Some of the Leading Merchants, Manufacturers etc. etc., (Chicago: R.R. Donnelly & Sons, Printers, 1885).

W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

Leshnick's La Salle and Peru City Directory, Rockford, Illinois: L. Leshnick, 1913-14, 1915) and (Peoria, Illinois: Leshnick Directory Co., 1917-18, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922).

R.L. Polk & Co., Polk's La Salle-Peru and Oglesby City Directory, (Peoria, Illinois: Leshnick Directory Co., 1926, 1928) and (Chicago: R.L. Polk & Co., 1930, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1940) and (St. Louis: R.L. Polk & Co., 1945-46, 1948, 1951, 1954, 1956, 1960, 1962, 1963) and (Detroit: R.L. Polk & Co., 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969,) and (Taylor, Michigan: R.L. Polk & Co., 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985).

Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois, (New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, 1926).

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Huse & McCormick Block
(Card 1 of 2)

2. LOCATION

1617-1631 Water Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: NSM, Inc.

P.O. Box 78

Peru, IL. 61354

legal description; Lots

6-10, blk. 152, Ninewa Add.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

west: ca. 1876, east: pre-1858

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Commercial

5. RATING

Ce-2

6. CONDITION

Poor.

Stone foundation (assumed). Load-bearing brick construction set in common bond. Two stories. Rectangular plan. Flat roof. South (main) facade twenty-two bays wide. Italianate commercial block, composed of what were originally three commercial structures. West and central buildings erected 1876 by W.L. Huse, east building predates 1858 and represents the remaining two storefronts of the McCormick Block, a three-story 23-bay structure destroyed by fire in 1874. West section: Ten bays wide. Three storefronts. Parapet and cast-iron cornice above storefronts. Storefronts infilled with concrete block and set with small fixed four-light windows. Second floor: ten aluminum one-over-one double-hung sash windows set in paneled infill, many broken or boarded up; segmental cast-iron window hoods and limestone lug sills. Cast-iron fire stair, west facade. Central section: Six bays wide. Two storefronts. Parapet and cast-iron cornice with modillion blocks, single and paired brackets, and leaf-shaped ornaments. (Description continues on card 2)

The two storefronts at 1617 and 1619 represent the remains of the McCormick, a three-story, eight-storefront brick structure erected prior to 1858 and destroyed by fire in 1874. The McCormick Block housed Murray's Dry Goods, two groceries, a drug store, a stoves and tinware shop and a hotel with a saloon, with offices on the second and third floors, at the time it burned. Built for Capt. John L. McCormick (1808-1893), prominent figure in Peru's early history. McCormick foresaw the potential of the I&M Canal upon his arrival in the area in 1847. He initiated the ice harvesting and shipping industry, quickly becoming the largest employer locally. McCormick owned and operated a saw mill on Water Street, and served several terms as mayor. The two-building Huse Block was erected in 1876 for William L. Huse, another prominent early businessman. Huse was principal in the Huse and Loomis Ice Co. and Boatyard, and served one term as mayor of Peru (1869-1870). A harnessmaker was located at 1617 from ca. 1888 until at least 1913. (History continues on card 2)

This block is representative of the commercial development which took place on Water Street as a result of the opening of the I&M canal in 1848, a period of tremendous growth in Peru's early history, and of the continued vitality of the Water Street commercial district throughout the later part of the nineteenth century. The Huse Block provides an excellent local example of a brick Italianate commercial structure and shows fair integrity. The integrity of the McCormick Block is poor. Corner lot in core of three-block grouping of predominantly mid-nineteenth-century brick Italianate commercial structures. Mid nineteenth-century brick Miller's Block which stood to east has been razed. Location on Water Street, which retains much of its mid-nineteenth-century commercial and industrial architecture, enhances the significance of this block.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Huse & McCormick Block (Card 2 of 2)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION west: ca. 1876, east: pre-1858	
2. LOCATION 1617-31 Water Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) commercial	
		5. RATING Ce-2	

6. CONDITION

Poor.

(Description continued from Card 1) Brick belt course simulating dentils. Corbeled cast-iron cornice with dentils above storefront. Storefronts infilled with wood panelling and set with a pair of double wood doors and two fixed aluminum windows. A steel pulley system projects from the western pair of doors. Second floor: six two-over-two wooden double-hung sash windows with segmental cast-iron hoods and limestone lug sills. East section: Six bays wide. Two storefronts. Cornice covered with sheet metal. Recessed cross-shaped brickwork in frieze. West storefront infilled with wood paneling; single aluminum one-over-one double-hung sash windows flank double wood doors. East storefront infilled with concrete block; central double wood doors flanked by fixed aluminum windows. Second floor: six recessed two-over-two segmental-arch wooden double-hung sash window in brick relieving arches, boarded over, glass broken. Located on the northeast corner of Putnam and Water Streets in Peru's earliest business district, overlooking the Illinois River.

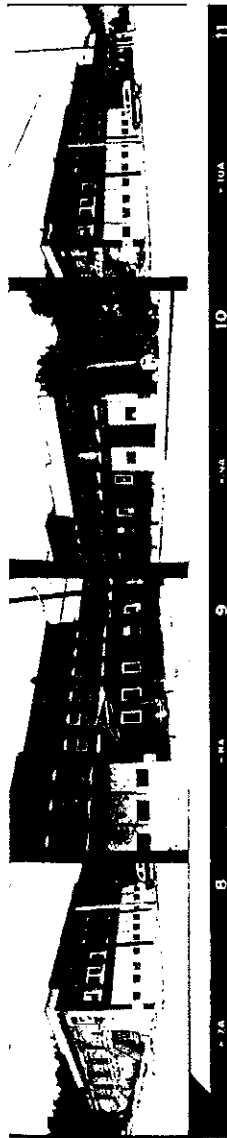
(History continued from Card 1) The Continental Hotel operated at 1619 from ca. 1888 to at least 1909. The storefront at 1621 housed a grocery ca. 1888 until ca. 1892, and a saloon from ca. 1905 until ca. 1916. From 1876 until 1901 a hardware and tin shop was located at 1623, a drug store at 1625, a clothing store at 1627, dry goods store (Seepe and Hoscheit, later Seepe) at 1629-31. Peru Sheet Metal Plating and Novelty Co. was organized in 1901 and housed at 1623-31. Successor firm National Sheet Metal Co., established in 1904, expanded to include the remaining storefronts by 1916. Charles Neureuther (1843-1911), Superintendent of the Illinois Zinc Co., was first president. NSM, Inc., producers of pre-plated metals and household articles, retains ownership of this property but has transferred most of its operations to new facilities in Oglesby.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Huse & McCormick Block

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

W-1: frame #8, #9, #10, #11



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Peru Historical Committee, Peru, Illinois Centennial, 1835-1935, (Peru, Illinois: n.p., 1935).

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Theron D. Brewster House Card 1 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1891
2. LOCATION 1806-08 Third Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) house/apartments
Owner: Eureka Savings & Loan 126 Marquette St. LaSalle, Illinois Legal description: Ninewa Addition Lots 2,3, N 25' Lots 8,9	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION
fair

Stone foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story, rectangular Greek Revival-style house, stuccoed. Side-gable roof, center gable with lunette-shaped vent, flatboard cornice, returned eaves, west end chimney, exterior furnace chimney on north facade. North facade fronts on Third Street. Symmetrical fenestration, two doors flanking center, one with gable hood, the other with enclosed entry porch; two double one-over-one double-hung sash windows at west and east ends, first floor; five one-over-one double-hung sash windows and one aluminum storm door, second floor. Metal fire escape west side of north facade. South (rear) facade is original main facade, symmetrical fenestration: central aluminum storm door with sidelights sheltered by two-story Doric portico, flanked by two bands of four one-over-one double-hung sash windows, first floor; panel of three fixed windows at (Continued on Card 2)

House built in 1841 by Theron D. Brewster, Peru's most influential resident in the nineteenth century. He was born on 29 February 1812 in Salisbury, Conn., and came to Peru under his uncle Lyman's auspices in 1835. (Lyman was one of the original settlers and landowners in Peru). He returned to New England to settle his father's estate the same year. In 1837 he settled here permanently, laying out what is now the Ninewa addition; he was active in real estate for the rest of his life. He began work as a clerk in the Water Street dry goods store, formed a merchandizing partnership with Herman Baldwin in 1837, erected a warehouse on the banks of the Illinois River in 1846, was president of the stock company that owned and sank Peru's first coal mine (in 1856). In 1852 he formed T.D. Brewster & Co., which bought out a small plow factory, eventually converting it into Peru Plow & Wheel Co., one of the town's major (Continued on Card 2)

This house is historically significant. It is one of the oldest buildings in Peru with a verifiable date of construction (1840). It was also built by Theron D. Brewster, the town's most influential resident in the nineteenth century. These factors are offset by the house's radical and permanent alterations. It is now surrounded by modest houses of more recent vintage.

HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Theron D. Brewster House
Card 2 of 2

2. LOCATION

1806-08 Third Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: Eureka Savings & Loan
126 Marquette St.
LaSalle, Illinois
legal description: Nineva Addition
Lots 2,3, N 25' Lots 8,9

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

1891

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

house/apartments

5. RATING

Se-2

6. CONDITION

(Description continued from Card 1) center flanked by two bands of four one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Detached one-story, shingled double garage/storage shed with gable roof to west of main block. House has been significantly altered. One-story flat-roofed porches on south facade flanking portico have been enclosed and second stories added; porte cochere on west facade and east wing have been torn down. Fenestration on south facade significantly altered: Doric columns replaced; tall double-hung sash windows flanking portico replaced by bands of windows. House located in residential area.

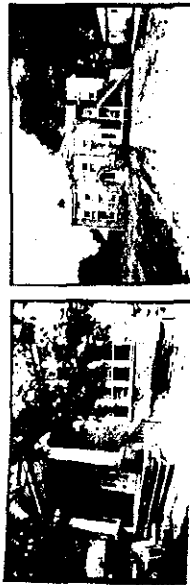
(History continued from Card 1) businesses. Later in his life, Brewster organized the First National Bank of Peru, which he served as president for 20 years. He was also one of the first directors of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and he played a major role in getting lines extended through Peru. Brewster also took an active role in civic affairs. He was Peru's first mayor and served three terms (1851, 1852 and 1853). Although he was not a member of the congregation, Brewster provided funds for the construction of the Congregationalist Church in 1838 (which stood at 1707 Second Street). He abandoned his Whig affiliation when the Republican Party was formed and remained a party stalwart until his death. After Theron Brewster's death in 1893, his son Benjamin took over the house. Benjamin Brewster was born in Peru on November 24, 1864, attended Bryan & Stratton Business College in Chicago, worked as a traveling salesman for Western Clock Manufacturing Co. for three years, then spent two years in New York City working for the Times Stamp Co. Upon his father's death, he returned to Peru and took an active role in real estate development, was a stockholder and director in Peru Plow Co., and president of the firm's branch office -- Peru Plow & Implement Co. in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The house remained in the Brewster family until 1919, when it was occupied by the J.D. Norton family; it was vacant in 1921-3. Between 1926 and 1935 the house was used by the Young Men's Athletic Club; during the Depression it housed the National Youth Administration. It was purchased in 1945-6 by Isaac Lasswell, an insurance agent. He lived here until 1954, when the house was bought by Henry Hinterkopf, who converted the building into apartments.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Theron D. Brewster House

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-4 Frames 16, 17



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1865	
2. LOCATION 1716 Third Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) house	
6. CONDITION fair		5. RATING Se-2	
7. DESCRIPTION Coursed limestone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structural system. T-shaped plan. Two-story, gabled-ell Greek Revival house with aluminum siding. Returned eaves, asphalt shingles, central chimney. North (main) facade of main block, three bays: aluminum storm door with sidelights and transom sheltered by a flat-roofed portico with wrought-iron supports at west, two six-over-six double-hung sash windows to east with lug sills, first floor; three six-over-six double-hung sash windows with lug sills, second floor. One-and-one-half story west wing has flat-roofed porch along north facade with wrought iron supports, aluminum storm door to east, six-over-six double-hung sash window with lug sill to west. House located on north edge of residential district across the street from municipal building.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA House built c. 1865. P.J. Becker, who owned a shoe and boot shop on Fourth Street between at least 1885 and 1906, lived here in 1905. A.W. Seepe lived here between 1909 and 1911; Rev. Walter Spence, pastor of the First Congregational Church, between 1913 and 1923. The house changed hands many times before it was bought by Shawn Bekeliski in 1984.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE This L-shaped house marks the boom period in Peru's history as new industries were locating here because of the I & M canal. The house has maintained its integrity, and is flanked by two bungalows.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1716 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE John M. Nelson House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1924-25
2. LOCATION 1710 Third Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
6. CONDITION good		5. RATING Sn-3

Foundation material unknown. Structural system unknown. Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story bungalow with brick cladding. Hip roof, asphalt shingles, one interior east end chimney. Central gable dormer with stucco cladding and applied half-timbering in gable end, three casement dormers. Enclosed porch along eastern three-quarters of north (main) facade with band of seven casement windows. Recessed entrance at northwest corner with aluminum siding and hip roof to southwest of main block. House located on north edge of residential area, across street from Peru Municipal Building.

House built between 1924 and 1925 for John M. Nelson, a machinist at Westclox, who owned it until 1956. It changed hands several times until Joseph R. Martin bought it in 1985.

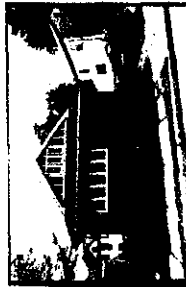
Although altered by the enclosure of its porch, this well-maintained house is a good example of the bungalows built in Peru during the 1920s -- a period of steadily increasing population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. Directly west are gabled-ell house built in the mid-nineteenth century, and another bungalow. This block is located on the edge of the residential area, opposite the Peru Municipal Building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John M. Nelson House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-4 Frame 21



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1909-1915
2. LOCATION 1620 Third Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION Very good.	7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, two-story building of masonry construction with stucco facing. Hipped, ridged roof of asphalt. Central projecting section with off-center entrance with prominent, bracketed segmental hoodmold and diamond-shaped highlights. One-over-one double-hung sash windows with bracketed flower boxes and soldier-course brick lintels symmetrically placed about remainder of house. Large exterior chimneys on north and west sides. Stuccoed foundation. North facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed between 1909-1915. From the latter year until at least 1926 it was occupied by W.S. Ashby and his wife Florence. Ashby was manager of sales promotion at the Western Clock Company. By 1940 Mrs. Evelyn McCormack, teacher for the Township Board of Education, resided in the house.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This building is a good example of the early twentieth-century residential construction with Spanish Colonial Revival influence. It marks the continued economic development of Peru through the first decades of the twentieth century as well as the parallel growth in middle-class housing during the period. The building retains a high degree of architectural integrity. It is located in a cohesive neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1620 Third Street
11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid nineteenth century; 1920s
	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
2. LOCATION 1614 Third Street Peru, Illinois	5. RATING Se-4

legal description: lot 3
Block 58 Ninevah

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, two-story, pedimented gable-front house with stucco. Gable roof of asphalt. Double and quadruple sets of one-over-one double-hung sash window with metal storms, symmetrically placed about second story. Hip-roofed, one-story section (asphalt) of stretcher-bond brick completely surrounding original. Gable roofed, enclosed porch with battered brick piers across length of facade. Foundation not visible. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth and early twentieth century houses.

This house was constructed in the mid-nineteenth century, although it was extensively remodeled during the 1920s.

This mid nineteenth-century building represent the first period of growth for Peru's residential areas. Its integrity has been compromised by the ungainly early twentieth-century addition. The building now intrudes upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of cohesive appearance.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1614 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame-10a, 11



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1906-1909	
2. LOCATION 1528 Third Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence	
6. CONDITION Good.		5. RATING Sm-3	
7. DESCRIPTION T-shaped, two-and-a-half-story balloon-frame house with stucco. Gable roof of asphalt. Square, fixed attic windows in gables, paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows with metal storm shutters placed about first and second stories. Flat-roofed wrap-around porch on stuccoed, square pillars. Large stuccoed addition to rear with double-hung sash window. No visible foundation. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed between 1906 and 1909. In 1926 it was occupied by Albert Hasse, Peru's fire marshal.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE This building is an example of the T-shaped house, and is one of number of examples of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued economic development of the city around the turn of the century, as well as the parallel growth in demand for middle-class housing. Although it has been stuccoed and many additions made to the rear, the building retains good integrity. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale, and materials.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1528 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame - 10



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 1522 Third Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1897-1905 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sm-3
6. CONDITION Good. Rectangular, massed plan, side gable one-and-a-half-story stuccoed house, facing north. Gable roof of asphalt with central chimney. Three-bay facade with central, transomed entrance with small gabled porch on brick pillars and concrete stoop; flanking one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Similar windows symmetrically placed about sides of house. Stuccoed, gable roof additions with one-over-one double-hung sash windows to rear. Stuccoed foundation with basement. Located in a area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences. This house was constructed between 1897 and 1905. In the latter years it was occupied by Christina Meyer, widow of Henry. From before 1915 until at least 1926, Eugene and Bonnie Harris resided in the building. Harris was a driver for the Peru Beer Company. By 1940 Carl Wilblalski, factory worker, and his wife Bessie occupied the house. This building is a good example of the one-and-one-half-story side gable house, and one of the few representatives of this type in Peru. It represents the continued development of Peru and parallel growth in demand for middle class housing around the turn of the century. Although it has been stuccoed, the building retains good integrity. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar size, scale, and materials.	

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1522 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1906-1909
2. LOCATION 1521 Second Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION Good.	7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, side-gabled, stuccoed balloon-frame house. Gable roof of asphalt. Facade with projecting gabled, two story section on west side with curving fascia and broken returns, one-over-one double-hung sash window on second story with metal awning, half hexagonal bay with one-over-one double-hung sash window, and flat-roofed, enclosed, one-story porch with casement windows and metal storm doors. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed between 1906 and 1909. By 1910 it was occupied by Charles Herbold, laborer, and his wife Marie. From before 1915 until at least 1926, G.T. Neureuther, foreman at the Illinois Zinc Company, resided here with his family.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This early twentieth-century residence displays some Queen Anne-style details, although its integrity has been somewhat compromised by the enclosure of its porch. The building marks the continued economic and residential development of Peru through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It is located among large, generally frame residences of the same era.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1521 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-5: Frame-22a, 23



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1516 Third Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 3
Block 59 Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1897-1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

T-shaped, one-and-a-half story, balloon frame house. Cross-gable roof of asphalt with central chimney. Pedimented gables with medallion-enriched trim and paired, fixed-pane windows; canted bays with long, narrow one-over-one double-hung sash window on first floor. Flat-roofed porch with large stuccoed pillars protecting front entrance on west half of facade. Rock faced, coursed ashlar foundation. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of well-maintained late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was constructed between 1897 and 1905. In the latter year it was occupied by Joseph Klamper and his wife Anna. Klamper operated a bakery, confectionery, and news depot at 1827 Fourth Street. By 1915 Dr. Ira E. Boyer, a dentist, and his wife Amanda occupied the residence. From before 1926 until at least 1940, Lester and Myrtle Sausen resided there. Sausen was an electrician at Sausen's Electrical Shop.

The building is a modest turn of the century gabled cottage, and one of a number of representatives of this house type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued development of Peru, and the parallel need for middle-class housing through the turn of the century. Although it has been stuccoed, the building retains good integrity. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar scale, massing and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1516 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame- 8



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1915-1926
2. LOCATION 1510 Third Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: Lot 2 Block 59 Ninewah	5. RATING Sn-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, one-and-a-half story house of masonry construction with stretcher-bond facing. Hipped roof of asphalt with central hipped roof dormers (stuccoed) with paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Inset, facade-long porch with large brick pillars, central, metal entrance, and panels of one-over-one double-hung sash windows. One-over-one double-hung sash window with concrete lintels and soldier-course brick sill symmetrically placed about sides of house. Concrete foundation with basement. Faces north; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed between 1915 and 1926. It was occupied by Fred Dingler and his wife Carrie until at least 1940. Dingler was a janitor at the First National Bank.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

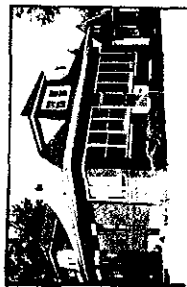
This building is a fine Bungalow and one of number of representatives of this style to survive in Peru. It represents the city's continued economic growth through the first decades of the twentieth century, as well as the parallel growth of the middle class during the period. It retains a very high degree of integrity. The building is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale and material.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1510 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame- 7



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1895
2. LOCATION 1503 Third St. Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
5. CONDITION Very good.	6. RATING Sm-2

The gable end of this rectangular, two-story balloon-frame house fronts the street (south), displaying its gambrel roof of asphalt as well as its vinyl siding. One-over-one double-hung sash window appear on the second floor of the two-bay facade, while a large fixed pane window with fixed-pane leaded-glass transom and flanking one-over-one double-hung sash windows appears on the lower story. Both the transomed, sidelight entrance of the facade and the simpler east entrance are protected by flat-roofed porches on large wood pillars. The foundation is not visible. The house is located in an area of well-kept lots nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was constructed c. 1895. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was owned by a Gustav G. Lassing and his wife Elizabeth. Lassing was vice-president of Peru's first library board, under which the community's Carnegie Library was erected (1911).

This building is an excellent example of the Dutch Colonial Revival and one of number of representatives of this style to survive in Peru. It represents the city's continued economic growth throughout the turn of the century as well as the paralleled growth among Peru's middle class. It retains good integrity, and is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale, and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1503 Third St.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame-3a-5



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1868 and 1888	
2. LOCATION 1502 Third Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence	
6. CONDITION Good.		5. RATING Sm-3	

legal description: N 1/2
 lots 1,2 block 59, Ninewah

T-shaped, two-story wood-frame house with stuccoed two-bay facade. Cross-gable roof of asphalt shingles. Facade of projecting gable with enclosed, flat-roofed, one-story porch on brick pillars; paired one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story. Similar single and paired windows symmetrically placed about sides. Stuccoed foundation with basement. East facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was constructed between 1868 and 1888.

The building is a good late nineteenth-century example of the gable-front house, a common house type in a Peru. It marks the community's continued growth and prosperity through the late nineteenth century. Although its porch is now enclosed, the building retains much of its original appearance. It is located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1502 Third Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Bird's-eye View of Peru, 1868.

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TOWN OF
PERU
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Carnegie Library of Peru	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1910-1911
2. LOCATION 3rd St. at Putnam St., southeast corner Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) library
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING EM-1

Large, rectangular, side-gable, two-story library of masonry construction with three-bay facade and stretcher-bond veneer of dark brick. Gable roof of red tile with parapet end walls, thick concrete banding, wide bracketed eaves on front. Two Palladian windows with brick lintels and soldier-course brick sills symmetrically placed on second-story facade. Triple sets of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with mock-keystoned continuous brick lintels symmetrically placed on first floor facade. Similar fenestration on north and south sides of building. Central, projecting entrance with parapet with capped pediment and decorative brickwork. Stuccoed foundation with basement, raised first floor. West-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences, one block south of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed in 1910-11 to house the Carnegie Library of Peru. In 1908 a committee of local citizens was appointed as a Board of Directors to agitate for a local library. Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated \$15,000 for the project on the condition that the city of Peru would provide a site and \$1,500 a year for support and maintenance. The library officially opened in December of 1911; it was abandoned in 1985 upon completion of a new facility at the north edge of town.

The building is an unusual interpretation of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, and one of the few representatives of this style in Peru. It represents the social and educational development that paralleled the community's economic and industrial growth in the first decades of the twentieth century. The building retains excellent integrity, and is located in a cohesive residential neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses, one block south of Peru's commercial district.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Carnegie Library of Peru

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-9; frames 34, 35, 36, 37



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE First Church of Christ Scientist (1924)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-nineteenth century
2. LOCATION Third & Grant streets (NE corner) Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / church
	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION

Very good.

Rectangular, one-story, load-bearing coursed sandstone building with faces west. Gable roof of asphalt, triple metal entrance with smooth stone lintel in gable end. Symmetrically placed panel of long, fixed-pane windows (formerly six-over-six double-hung sash) on south side. Corners trimmed with extra large stones. Rectangular, one-story, gable roofed wing on north side. Located one block south of Peru's downtown commercial district in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth century residences.

This mid nineteenth-century structure was reputedly a part of the Daniel Webster holdings. Webster owned property in the Peru vicinity from the early 1830s until the mid-century. From at least 1888 until at least 1916, the building was a double house with open porches in the re-entrant angles of the north side. The Christian Science Society of Peru purchased the house in 1924 and remodeled it for use as its church, a function it has served to the present. The Christian Scientists began meeting in Peru in 1909, officially in 1913.

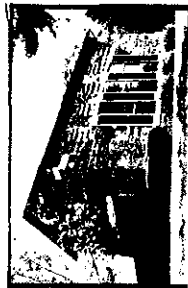
This mid nineteenth-century building is one of the rare sandstone structures extant in Peru. Originally used as a house, it represents the community's early residential development. The building has also gained twentieth-century significance because of its association with the Church of Christ Scientist. The structure retains some degree of architectural integrity, although its prominent fenestration has been altered twice in the last sixty years. It is located on a large lot among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale, and materials, one block south of Fourth street, Peru's commercial district.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

First Church of Christ Scientist.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame-2a-3



Recreation of Land Cruise 2, 1985.

Peru, Illinois, Centennial (Peru, 1935).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1892 and 1897	
2. LOCATION 1829 Second Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
Owner: Amelia Lockle		5. RATING Sm-3	
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 56 Lot 6			

6. CONDITION good	7. DESCRIPTION Stone rubble foundation. L-shaped, one-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with wood cladding. Cross gable roof, asphalt shingles, flatboard cornice, central chimney. Veranda wraps around half of north and west facade; turned posts, open railing, flat roof. Main (north) facade on Second Street has bay in west half with central fixed window with leaded-glass header, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows. West facade has multi-light cottage-style wood door at south followed by irregular windows. Detached one-story double wood garage with gable roof of main block. House located in residential area.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA Built between 1892 and 1897 by Theron D. Brewster for his daughter. House was purchased in 1906 by the Loekle family, butcher shop owners, for newly-married Amelia and Richard Loekle. It is still owned by a member of the family.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This well-maintained house is the oldest structure on its block and is representative of the charming cross-gabled cottages built in this residential neighborhood in the 1890s -- a period of steadily increasing population and prosperity fueled by Peru's thriving industries. The house has historical significance because of its association with two prominent families. Directly east is a more massive brick house built between 1917 and 1919 and two post-1940s houses.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1829 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

Owner: Margaret Bernardi

2. LOCATION

1828 Second Street
Peru, Illinois

Legal description: Ninewa Addition
Block 63 Lot 5

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1898 and 1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

good

Concrete block foundation. Two-and-one-half story, square, wood-frame building with stucco. Cross-gable roof with low-pitched front gable on north facade with dropped cornice, side gable over south half, asphalt shingles, exterior chimney west facade. Gabled center dormer with Palladian window. Wood door with gabled hood, easternmost bay, first floor. Penetration pattern consists of regularly distributed paired and triple three-over-one prairie casement windows with wooden surrounds. Detached one-story, two-car, stuccoed garage with side gable roof to southwest of main block. House located in residential area.

House built between 1897 and 1905. Hermann Grossman, a clerk, lived here between 1905 and 1911. Other owners include: George Lowry, a sales manager of Peru Plow and Wheel (1913-1919), Frank J. Trompeter, a contractor (1922-51), his widow (1951-71), and Eugene Bernardi (1973-84). His widow, Margaret, currently owns the house.

An addition to the facade has obscured the architectural integrity of this turn-of-the-century house. It was built during a period in Peru's history marked by steady population growth and increasing prosperity that was fueled by the town's thriving industries. The house sits on a corner lot; directly east is a gable-ell house built in the early 1900s. To the east of the latter is a more substantial brick, Greek Revival-style structure built in 1848.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1828 Second Street
19. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE J. D. Lent House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1917 and 1919	
2. LOCATION 1821 Second Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
6. CONDITION good		5. RATING Sm-2	
7. DESCRIPTION Common-bond brick foundation. Structural system unknown. Rectangular, two-and-a-half-story with running bond brick first floor, stucco with applied timbering on second story and attic. Cross-gable roof, asphalt shingles, interior chimney west end. Symmetrical main (south) facade, central wood door with leaded-glass sidelights and transom, decorative stonework on both sides, flanked by two double two-over-two double-hung sash windows with stone lug sills first floor; two one-over-one double-hung sash windows under center gable. Two-story, flat-roof porch attached to east facade, screened first floor, enclosed second floor with four one-over-one double-hung sash windows. House located in residential area.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA Built between 1917 and 1919 for J.D. Lent, export manager for Westclox. He owned the home until 1971, when it was bought by dentist Joseph Leydon.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE This well-maintained Tudor Revival is a good example of the substantial homes built by the upper middle class residents in Peru in the 1910s. The period was marked by steady increases in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. To the west is an ell-shaped, c. 1890 frame house; to the east post-World War II houses.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

J. D. Lent House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	
J. J. Linning House		Between 1907 and 1909	
2. LOCATION		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	
1818 Second Street Paru, Illinois		resident	
5. RATING			
Sm-3			
6. CONDITION			
good			
7. DESCRIPTION			
Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame structural system. Rectangular shape, two-and-one-half stories, aluminum siding. Multi-gable roof with closed gable on north facade, asphalt shingles, central chimney. One-story flat-roofed porch, semi-circular at east end, along north (main) facade. Central wood doors with leaded-glass sidelights and transoms, picture window to west. Second floor has oriel with central fixed two-light window with leaded glass in top light, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows in western half; one-over-one double-hung sash window to east. Attic has one casement window with classical motif architrave. Detached wooden double garage to west of main block. House located in residential area.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA			
Built between 1907 and 1909 for J.J. Linning, a cashier at the Peru National Bank, who owned the house until 1920. The house appears to have been used for rental property. The current owner is James Arralluglia of LaSalle.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE			
This house, showing influence of the Queen Anne and shingle styles, was built in the early 1900s -- a period in Peru's history marked by steady population growth and continued prosperity based on the town's many manufacturing plants. Although altered by the application of aluminum siding, this house is representative of the modest, Queen Anne-style houses built in Peru during this era. To the east is a brick Greek Revival-style house built in 1848, to the west a c. 1900 two-story, frame vernacular.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

J. J. Lanning House
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILE ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892 and 1897	
2. LOCATION 1728 Second Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
Owner: Mrs. Ralph Roth		5. RATING Sm-3	
legal description: Ninewah Addition Block 62 Lot 5			

6. CONDITION

Fair.

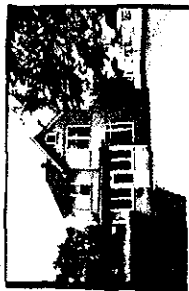
Coursed stone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structural system. Basically rectangular in shape. Enclosed porch on north facade extends beyond main block. Two story with attic, wood cladding. Combination multi-gable and hip roof, asphalt shingles, flat board cornice under gable north facade, central brick chimney. East half of main (north) facade has enclosed one-story porch with flat roof, central wooden door flanked by two paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows. West half of main facade has one one-over-one double-hung sash window with stained glass sidelights and header lights. Second floor has paired one-over-one double-hung sash window to west, one-over-one double-hung sash window to east. All windows and door have wooden surrounds. Open porch on southwest corner with shed roof, turned posts, and sunburst decorative brackets. One-story, detached double garage with wood cladding and hip roof south of main block. Located in residential area.

House built between 1892 and 1897. Sarah J. Robinson, a widow, owned the house in 1911. Other owners included: R.L. Hughes, treasurer of Westclox (1915); J.P. Norton, an employee of Illinois Zinc (1917); L.E. King, development engineer for Westclox (1919); Charles Lane, an electrician at Westclox (1921-8); Joseph Norwich, an osteopath (1930-48), and the current owner, Sophia Roth.

This is one of two Queen Anne-style gabled-ell houses built on the block around 1900 -- an era of steady growth and prosperity fueled by Peru's thriving industries. Both of these frame houses, which stand at the western side of the block, have retained some integrity. This house sits on a corner lot; on the eastern half of the block stands a brick Greek Revival-style house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1728 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1897 and 1905	
2. LOCATION 1726 Second Strset Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
Owner: William Toner		5. RATING Sm-3	
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 62 Lot 4			

6. CONDITION good	7. DESCRIPTION Coursed stone ashlar foundation. Two-story with attic, rectangular building, aluminum siding. Multi-gable roof, flared over recessed entry porch, returned eaves, asphalt shingles, bowed dormer with flared hip roof. Eastern half of main (north) facade features recessed entry porch with wooden door, and dormer at second level. Western half of main facade features bay with two-light fixed window, top light with leaded glass, on first floor; skirt between floors; double one-over-one windows second floor; fixed leaded square window in attic. One-story metal shed to east of main block. One-story, wood garage for two cars with hip roof to south of main block. House located in residential area.
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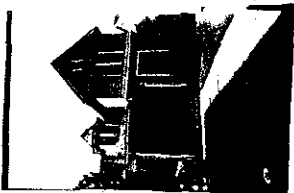
8. HISTORICAL DATA House built between 1897 and 1905. Henry Lenzen, a contractor, lived there in 1905-6. Charles Loekle, a meat market owner, lived there between 1911-28; other members of the family until 1962. The house changed ownership once before it was bought by William Toner, in 1971.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This is one of two Queen Anne-style, gable-ell houses built on this block around 1900 -- an era of steady growth and prosperity fueled by Peru's thriving industries. Both of these frame houses, which stand at the western side of the block, retain some integrity. The house is located mid-block; on the eastern half of the block stands a brick Greek Revival-style house.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1726 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-19th century
2. LOCATION 1723 Second Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
5. CONDITION Fair.		6. RATING Se-2
7. DESCRIPTION Foundation is not visible. Wood-frame structural system. Two-story, rectangular, Italianate house, with pebble dash (applied concrete with pressed stones) cladding. Front gable roof, asphalt shingles, flatboard wood cornice and brackets, central chimney. One-story stone porch across south (main) facade with brick piers and flat roof. South facade three bays: two one-over-one double-hung sash windows at west and center with simple architraves, aluminum storm door with sidelights and transom at southeast corner, first floor; three one-over-one double-hung sash windows, second floor. One-story addition with gable roof. Panel of four one-over-one double-hung sash windows to northeast of main block. Detached, one-story, one-car garage with pebble-dash cladding and front gable roof to southwest of main block. House located in residential neighborhood.		
8. HISTORICAL DATA House built in the mid-nineteenth century. Louis Lauber, who owned a furniture store on Water Street, lived there from 1885-1919. The house was occupied by members of the Lauber family until 1948. In 1954 it was bought by a relative of the current owner, Walter Waskiewicz, who was a sheerman at Illinois Zinc.		
9. SIGNIFICANCE The early 20th century porch obscures the Italianate features of this house, which was constructed during the steady, industry-based growth which occurred in Peru during the 19th century. Directly east are a frame Eastlake-style house and a World War II-era Tudor Revival-style one.		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1723 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Samuel N. Maze House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1862
Owner: George Maze		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
2. LOCATION 1710 Second Street Peru, Illinois		5. RATING Se-1
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 62 Lot 1 N 100', Lots 2, 3		

6. CONDITION
Excellent.

Courses limestone foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. L-shaped, two-story Greek Revival-style house with running bond brick. Center gable roof, asphalt shingles, returned eaves, flatboard cornices except for roof dormer which has decorative stepped cornice. Two interior brick end chimneys, one central brick chimney in south addition. Main (north) facade, five bays with symmetrical fenestration. First floor of main facade has central wood double doors, one-story flat-roofed portico with two classical columns, flanked by four picture windows with stone lintels and lug sills. Second floor has triple window over doors with decorative, neo-classical/Colonial Revival motif, flanked by four windows, two at east are single-light, two at west are one-over-one double-hung sash, all have stone lintels and lug sills. Patio with open wooden balustrade wraps around north and east facades. Porch with turned banisters along south facade. Two-story, side gable-roof addition to south with asymmetrical fenestration, well incorporated into house. Two-car detached wooden garage with hip roof, asphalt shingles, to southwest of main block. Located in residential neighborhood.

Built in 1862 by Samuel Nesbit Maze, an Irish immigrant who settled in Peru in 1838 and opened a lumberyard on Water Street in 1848. Maze also shipped grain by barge on the I & M Canal to Chicago, and brought back lumber and hardware. The Maze family has always been active in Peru's Congregational Church -- their boats shipped the shell and landfill from New Orleans used as the foundation for the church built on the corner of West and Fourth streets. Walter H. Maze took over his father's business in 1885, acquired the Peru Planing Mills on Water Street in 1893, began production of zinc-coated nails, and incorporated the W.H. Maze Co. in 1912. After a visit to the Columbia Exposition in Chicago, W.H. Maze remodeled the family home. The house has been occupied by George H. Maze since 1954; he is the fifth generation to live here.

The house, which is in excellent condition, is one of the finest local examples of midnineteenth-century architecture. It was built in 1862 when Peru's population and prosperity were booming because of the I & M Canal. The house was built by Samuel Nesbit Maze, one of Peru's earliest businessmen, and is still owned by the Mazes, who continue to be one of the town's most prominent families. To the west are two frame houses.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Samuel N. Maze House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

James Cahill house

2. LOCATION

1707 Second Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: Dorothea McNeilly

legal description: Ninewa Addition
Block 57 Lot 9

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

circa 1888

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sm-2

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Coursed stone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame construction. Rectangular shape, one-and-a-half-story with wood cladding. Hip roof with deck, wrought-iron cresting, asphalt shingles, center gable on south facade with triangular, decorative wood panel with sunburst pattern in eave. Main (south) facade, three asymmetrical bays. Wooden door on recessed porch with shed roof, turned post, curved brackets reflecting Eastlake influence at east. Two double segmental-arched one-over-one double-hung sash windows with decorative wood architraves at center and west. One-story attached wooden garage with front gable roof attached to northwest corner of main block. One-story wood shed with hip roof to northeast of main block. House located in residential neighborhood.

Constructed about 1888 by James Cahill for his newly married son. The elder Cahill was a prominent and long-time resident of Peru who was active in municipal government and owned a coal company. The house was built on the site of Peru's first Congregationalist church. Cahill's house was inhabited by B.J. Nauman, a physician and surgeon between 1905 and 1907. J.R. Hart, Peru's school superintendent lived there from 1909 through 1915. Between 1919 and 1976 the home was inhabited by the family of Edward Strohm, who worked for Westclox. The present owner, Dorothea McNeilly, purchased the property in 1978.

This charming Eastlake cottage is one of the rare and unaltered examples of this style in Peru. It was built around 1888 -- an era marked by steady population growth and increasing prosperity fueled by Peru's thriving industries. East of it is a World War II-era Tudor Revival, to the west a frame Italianate house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

James Cahill House

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Interview with Dorothea McNeilly, 12 June 1986.

Nacy Chadburne Maze, Tales and Pictures of Peru: Peru's 150th Anniversary 1835-85 (Peru: W.H. Maze Co, 1985), 266.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	
Robert Janz House		between 1941 and 1945	
2. LOCATION		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	
1703 Second Street Peru, Illinois		residence	
		5. RATING	
		Sr-4	

6. CONDITION	
good	
Concrete foundation. Structural system unknown. L-shaped, one story with attic, simple Tudor Revival style, clad with orange brick in running bond. Steeply-pitched flared gable roof, asphalt shingles. Twin gable dormers, six-light casement windows. Main (south) facade has central recessed storm door, multi-light casement window to east, obscured by bushes. One-story brick garage with hip roof attached to north facade of house by open brick walkway. Located in residential area.	

The present house was built between 1941 and 1945 for Robert Janz, a mechanic for Westclox, who owned it until 1971; it was then bought by the current owner, Ralph Krogulski, a mill worker. The present building replaced an older wood frame house built by Martin Delaney, a farmer, between 1876 and 1886. The building was left vacant after Delaney's widow died in 1923 and was torn down by the city in 1935 because of vagrants.

This well-maintained house was built during World War II -- a period of slow economic growth and declining population. It is representative of the simple Revival houses constructed in Peru during the era and retains excellent integrity. Directly west is an Eastlake-influenced house built around 1888, and west of that is a two-story, frame Italianate-style house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Reb. Photos (W/FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-10 Frames 24 & 25



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1892
2. LOCATION 1628 Second Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
legal description: Lot 5 block 61, Ninewah	5. RATING Sm-1

6. CONDITION
Poor.

Irregularly-shaped, two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame house with shingle and clapboard siding. Denticulated, pedimented side-gable roof of asphalt. Large interior chimneys. Front has projecting, half-hexagonal two-story bay with denticulated roof (west side), flat-roofed porch on paired Tuscan columns with brick bases (east side). One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows, fixed-pane windows (some with transoms), and stepped one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with transom irregularly placed on the building. Foundation not visible. North-facing; located on a corner lot in a late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood.

This house was constructed in 1892. From before 1905 until at least 1940 it was occupied by James Cahill or his son John. The elder Cahill, a native of Ireland, moved to Peru in 1837, and worked at first as a woodchopper; within a few years he became a wood dealer. In 1853, Cahill opened a grocery and general store but soon expanded into other enterprises. James Cahill, the son, inherited a prosperous coal-mining business.

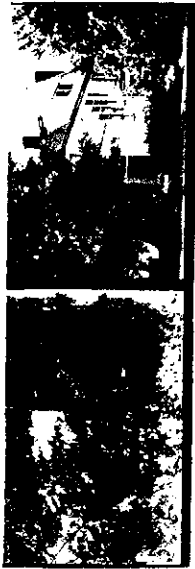
This deteriorating building is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style with shingle- and classical-style influences. It maintains its original appearance, and represents the strong economic growth which occurred in Peru during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as well as the parallel growth in demand for grand housing. The building's historical significance is enhanced by its long association with the Cahill family, prominent local merchants. It is located among other large, wood-frame, late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1628 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

p-5; frames 33, 34



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1868-1888
2. LOCATION 1627 Second Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Se-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story balloon-frame house with aluminum siding. Multi-gabled roof of asphalt. Projecting two-story gable on western half of facade with paired, one-over-one double-hung sash round-arched windows on upper floor; single and paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed about remainder of building. Enclosed, facade-long porch with single and paired Tuscan columns of wood. Small, flat roofed porch on bracketed posts on west side. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed between 1868 and 1888. From before 1905 until at least 1940 it was occupied by Maria Seebach, widow of Bertman, occupation unknown.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This building was formerly a very good example of the Italianate style but many of its decorative details have been obscured by the application of aluminum siding. It represents the mid nineteenth-century development of this residential area in Peru. It is located among other large, frame, late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar massing and detailing.

7. DESCRIPTION

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1627 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame-15a, 16



Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868

John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892-97
2. LOCATION 1622 Second Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-4

6. CONDITION Fair.	7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, two-story balloon-frame house with aluminum siding. Hip roof of asphalt with wide eaves. Three-bay facade with central, projecting two-story gable with two one-over-one double-hung sash windows on the second story and one-over-one double-hung sash window and entrance on first. Shed-roofed, facade-long porch with pedimented gable entrance on wrought-iron posts. Foundation not visible. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.
8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed between 1892 and 1897. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Waugh, widow of Samuel, occupation unknown. By 1940 Mrs. Jessie Means, widow of William E., and Mrs. Emma Castendyck resided there.	9. SIGNIFICANCE The alterations to this early twentieth-century building (aluminum siding, altered fenestration and porch) have obscured its original character and compromised its integrity. It is a severe intrusion upon the historic character of its neighborhood, a cohesive area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1622 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame-31a, 32



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION

1617 Second Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 7

Block 48, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1868 and 1888

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / residence

5. RATING
Se-1

6. CONDITION

Good.

This irregularly-shaped, two-story balloon-frame house with clapboard siding is composed of two distinct sections. The earlier, rectangular section closest to the street (south), features a low-pitched hip roof of asphalt with wide eaves, paired brackets, and elaborately carved friezes. This frieze is repeated in the flat-roofed, one-story, facade-long porch with spindled railing and turned posts. Large four-over-four double-hung sash windows with segmental hood molds are symmetrically placed on the three-bay first-floor facade, while similarly trimmed French doors with multi-pane glass are symmetrically placed on the second. A double-door entrance with segmental-arched transom further distinguishes the facade. The T-shaped two-story frame addition to the rear features a bracketed gable roof of asphalt, porthole attic windows, and symmetrically placed four-over-four double-hung sash windows with segmental hoodmolds. The building sits on a stuccoed foundation with basement. A gable-roofed one-and-a-half-story balloon-frame addition with clapboard siding and a one-car, frame garage addition with hipped roof have been made to the rear (northwest corner). South-facing, the building is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential construction.

This house was constructed between 1868 and 1888. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by Charles Castendyck, local merchant. Castendyck Brothers operated farm implements stores on Water Street in Peru and in LaSalle from 1888 until at least 1925. By 1926 the house was occupied by Oliver Luetscher, construction engineer, and his wife Adele. By 1940 Parker Field and his wife Elfrieda resided at the house. Field was an export manager for Westlock Company.

This building is an excellent example of the Italianate style, and one of a number of such representatives to survive in Peru. It marks the continued development of this residential area through the last decades of the nineteenth century. The buildings retain a very high degree of integrity. It is located among other large, frame late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar massing and detailing.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1617 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Rudolph and Mary Struever House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1868-1888; 1910's	
2. LOCATION 1616 Second Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence	
legal description: Lot 3 Block 61, Ninewah		5. RATING Se-3	

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Square, two-and-a-half-story balloon-frame house with asbestos shingles. Hipped roof, asphalt-covered, with wide eaves and central, hipped-roof dormers with paired six-over-one double-hung sash windows. Two-bay facade with transomed entrance and large, fixed pane window with transom of radiating, leaded glass, protected by facade-long, flat-roofed one-story porch on wood pillars. Second-story facade with one-over-one double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed about sides. Two-story, three-sided bay with one-over-one double-hung sash windows on west side. Two-story, asbestos-shingled addition to rear with sleeping porch and inset, first-floor porch. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation with basement.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

A one-and-one-half-story frame house of approximately the same dimensions appears on this lot 1888, suggesting that this may be an early structure extensively remodeled during the early twentieth century. From before 1905 until at least 1940 the house was occupied by Rudolph Struever and his wife, Mary. Struever was a real estate agent and treasurer of the American Nickeloid and Manufacturing Company. He also served as one of the first trustees of Peru's Library Board.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This mid nineteenth-century house has been remodelled into a local example of the American Foursquare, and is one of a number of representatives of this house type to survive in Peru. It marks the continued economic development of the community in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, as well as the parallel growth in demand for stylish middle and upper middle-class housing. The building's historical significance is enhanced by its long association with Rudolph Streuver, prominent local businessman. It is located among other nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similarly large size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Rudolph and Mary Struever House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame-30a, 31



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Harry A. Seepe House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1906-1909
2. LOCATION 1607 Second Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Square, two-and-a-half-story, balloon frame house with asbestos shingles. Wide-eaved hip roof of asphalt with interior chimney and central, hip-roofed dormers with paired, fixed-pane windows. One-over-one double-hung sash windows, single and paired, asymmetrically placed about first and second stories. Hip-roofed, facade-long one-story porch on large brick pillars with projecting enclosed section on west side of facade. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation with basement. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed between 1906 and 1909 for Harry A. and Elsie Seepe. Seepe was a junior partner in Charles Seepe and Sons, prominent local dry goods merchants. The Seepe Company operated from 1880 until 1930. Seepe and his family occupied the house until at least until 1926.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a good example of the American Foursquare, and one of a number of examples of this house type to survive in Peru. It marks the continued economic and residential development of Peru throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Although it has been altered reversibly by the application of asbestos shingles, the building retains good integrity. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale, and massing.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Harry A. Seepe House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-5: Frame-19a, 20



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(House)

2. LOCATION

1603 Second Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 10
Block 58, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1906 and 1909

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / residence

5. RATING
Sm-4

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story balloon-frame house with aluminum siding. Irregular roof of asphalt. Pedimented gable with canted bay on east half of facade with fixed-pane and one-over-one double-hung sash windows. One-over-one double-hung sash windows irregularly placed about remainder of house. Facade-long, flat-roofed, one-story porch with gabled entrance on wrought-iron post over off-center entrance. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation with basement. South facing; located in a late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood.

This house was constructed between 1906 and 1909. From 1926 until at least 1940 it was occupied by Dr. Benjamin Naumann, physician, and his wife Etta.

This building is a modest turn-of-the-century frame house with Queen Anne-style influence, but has lost integrity because of its altered fenestration and aluminum siding. It represents the continued economic and residential development of Peru in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The building intrudes upon the historic character of its late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century neighborhood, an area of large houses with prominent detailing.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1603 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1528 Second Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1868 and 1888

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Se-3

legal description: Lot 5
Block 60, Ninewah

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, two-story, gable-fronted balloon-frame house with asbestos siding. Three-bay facade with fixed-pane attic window, two-over-two double-hung sash windows on second story (and asymmetrically placed about sides). Flat-roofed, facade-long, one-story porch, now enclosed, with square corner pillars. Gable-roofed, frame additions to rear with similar fenestration, aiding treatment, etc. Cinderblock foundation. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was constructed between 1868 and 1888. A C.A. Braun (who maintained an office at 1815 Fourth Street) and his wife Julia resided there by 1905. By 1905 Edwin and Elizabeth Hoeffler occupied the house. In 1926 Elizabeth Bierman, widow of John H. Bierman, resided there. By 1940 Frank Ploger, a salesman at Sieg-Lasalle Company, and his wife Rose occupied the building.

This late nineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house, and one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the continued economic and residential development of the community in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although it has been reversibly sided in asbestos, the building retains good integrity. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale, and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1528 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868.

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE John & Mary Mischke House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1897-1905
2. LOCATION 1527 Second Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
		5. RATING Sm-1

6. CONDITION Excellent.	7. DESCRIPTION Very large, irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story balloon-frame house with gable front. Gable roof of asphalt. Pedimented, denticulated gable with keystone Palladian window in attic. Canted, two-story bay on west half of facade with fixed pane (center) and one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Inset second-story balcony with very large scrolled and shingled brackets and simple wood railing. Flat-roofed, facade-long, one-story porch on Ionic columns over off-center, double-door entrance with transom. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located on a corner lot in an late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed between 1897 and 1905 for John Mischke and his wife Mary. Mischke operated a bottling works at 1605 Peoria Street in Peru. The family occupied the residence until at least 1940.

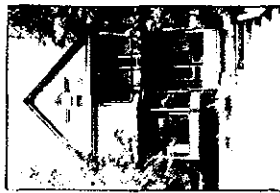
9. SIGNIFICANCE This building is an excellent example of the Queen Anne- and shingle-style influences, and retains an extraordinarily high degree on integrity. It represents the strong economic development of Peru through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It is of further historic significance because of its construction for and association with a prominent local businessman. It is located among other large late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century frame houses.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John and Mary Mischke House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1897-1905	
2. LOCATION 1522 Second Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence	
Legal description: Lot 4 Block 60, Ninewah		5. RATING Sm-3	

6. CONDITION

Good.

Square, one-and-a-half-story balloon-frame house with aluminum siding. Hipped roof, asphalt-covered. Pedimented one-and-a-half-story gables on north and east sides with fixed-pane attic windows. Facade gable with canted bay, central, fixed pane windows. Facade gable with canted bay, central, fixed-pane window, flanking one-over-one double-hung sash windows. One-over-one double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed about remainder of house. Northeast re-entrant angle with mansard-roofed entry porch on wrought-iron posts. Foundation not visible. North facing; located in a residential section of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed between 1897 and 1905 on the site of a previous dwelling which had been destroyed by fire between 1892 and 1897. From before 1905 until at least 1915 William Dobson and his wife Mary occupied the house. Dobson was a foreman at the Illinois Zinc Company. By 1926 George Barton, foreman at Peru Plow and Wheel Company, and his wife Anna resided in the house. By 1940 Jesse Criswell and his wife Nellie occupied the building. Criswell was a purchasing agent for the Peru Wheel Company.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

The building is a local example of the gabled cottage, and one of a number of representatives of this style to survive in Peru. It marks the continued economic growth of the community in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as well as the parallel growth in demand for middle class housing. The building's integrity has been compromised by the reversible application of aluminum siding. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century frame residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1522 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Ernest Gunther House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1850
2. LOCATION 1516 Second Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/PRESENT) Residence
legal description: Lot 3, block 60, Ninewah	5. RATING A-1

6. CONDITION
 Excellent.

Rectangular, massed plan, gable front, two stories, load-bearing fieldstone house with random coursing. Gable roof of asphalt with broken returns and simple frieze. Exterior end chimney flanked by symmetrically placed, shuttered six-over-six-light double-hung sash windows with smooth stone lintels and lug sills; similar windows symmetrically placed on west side. Central entrance with broken pedimented frontispiece on east side. Rectangular, one story, load-bearing brick summer kitchen with oversized chimney and stretcher bonding attached to southwest corner. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was built c. 1850 for Ernest Gunther, who operated a barbershop on Water Street in 1858. Gunther occupied the building until at least 1886.

This midnineteenth-century building is a rare example of sandstone construction with prominent Greek Revival details. The building's historical significance lies in its association with a prominent early settler and businessman, Ernest Gunther. Although now surrounded by late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century frame cottages, the house itself retains its original appearance.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Ernest Gunther House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1515 Second Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 8
Block 59, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Sm-2

6. CONDITION

Very good.

Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, balloon-frame house with gable front, wood siding. Gambrel roof of asphalt. Four-bay facade with central, paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows on second floor flanked by tiny, fixed-pane, round-arched windows with keystoned hoodmolds. Inset, facade-long, one-story porch with Tuscan columns, protecting transomed central entrance with flanking fixed-pane windows. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation with basement. South-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was constructed around the turn of the century. By 1910 it was occupied by E.W. Nelson and his wife Lille Nelson was employed by the Illinois Valley Sash and Door Company. In 1915 Frank Waggett, of Waggett and Breuning Grocers, resided here with his wife Edna. By 1926 Mrs. Margaret Korh occupied the house.

This building is very good example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style which retains an high degree of integrity. It is one of a number of examples of this style to survive in Peru, and represents the city's late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century economic and residential development. The building is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century frame residences of similar size and scale.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 1510 Second Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892 and 1897 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sm-3
6. CONDITION good. Square, one-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with aluminum siding. Hipped roof of asphalt. Pedimented, one-and-a-half-story gables on north and east with fixed-pane attic window. Gable on front has canted bay, central four-over-four-light double-hung sash window, flanking one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Single and paired two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows on remainder of house. Northeast re-entrant angle with entrance protected by flat-roofed porch on wood post with wood railing. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences. This house was constructed between 1892 and 1897. By 1905 it was occupied by Gottliebe Heusel and his wife Margaret. Heusel was a machinist at the Illinois Zinc Company, and resided in the house until at least 1915. By 1926, Ira Boyer, dentist, occupied the building, and, by 1940, Ernest and Ayliffe Thayer. This building is a good example of the gabled cottage, and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued economic growth of the community in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as well as the parallel growth in demand for middle class housing. The building's original appearance has been somewhat altered by the reversible application of aluminum siding. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar size and scale.	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1515 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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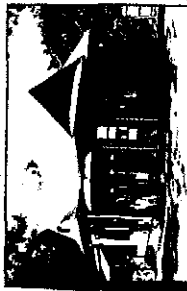
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892-97
2. LOCATION 1504 Second Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sm-3

legal description: Lot 1
Block 60, Ninewah

6. CONDITION

Good.

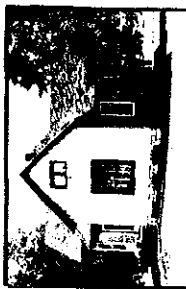
Cross-a-shaped, one-and-a-half-story, balloon-frame house with stucco. Cross-gabled roof, asphalt-covered, with central chimney. Projecting gable on facade with paired, fixed-pane windows on second story, large fixed-pane windows on first. East and west blocks with canted bays, one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Hip-roofed insets in re-entrant angles, western one of which with formstone-trimmed entrance. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation. North-facing; located in a residential area of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings.

This house was constructed between 1892 and 1897. In 1905 it was occupied by a John Klinger and his wife Emma. Klinger's occupation is not known. From before 1915 until at least 1926 Harry A. Zubrod and his wife Amanda resided here. Zubrod was a foreman at the Brunner Foundry and Manufacturing Company. By 1940 a Riva Aug occupied the house.

This building is an example of the gabled cottage, and one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the continued economic growth of the community in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as well as the parallel growth in demand for middle class housing. The building is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of the same size, scale, and materials. Although it has been stuccoed, the structure retains good integrity.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1504 Second Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900
2. LOCATION 718 Rock Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: N 1/2 lots 7,8 original plat	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Irregularly shaped, one-story wood-frame house with stucco. Hip roof of asphalt shingles with wide eaves. Irregularly placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Projecting north side of the facade with canted three-sided bay, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Porch with stuccoed pillars and railing on south facade, projecting off-center entrance. Stuccoed foundation. East-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential construction.

This house appears to have been constructed c. 1900. From before 1905 until at least 1940 it was occupied by Alfred Walther and his wife, Mamie, or their son Alfred and his wife, Mary. The elder Walther worked at the Illinois Zinc Company, while the son was a pharmacist.

This building is a good example of turn-of-the-century residential architecture with some Craftsman influence; it is one of a large number of residences in Peru which date from this period. The building marks the community's continued growth and prosperity through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It appears to have retained much of its architectural integrity. The building is located among other late nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

718 Rock Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900
2. LOCATION 627 Rock Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: S 1/2 lots 3,4, block 9, original plat	5. RATING SM-3

6. CONDITION Good. Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with aluminum siding. Mansard roof of asphalt shingles with central chimney. Two-bay facade with two-and-a-half-story gabled projection with square, fixed-pane window; one-over-one-light double-hung sash window on second story; large fixed-pane window on first. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed about the rest of the house. Wrap-around, flat-roofed porch on slender columns with wood railing over transomed off-center entrance. Foundation not visible. West-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

8. HISTORICAL DATA This house appears to have been constructed around the turn of the century. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by W.F. Neureuther and his wife Emma. Neureuther worked for the Illinois Zinc Company. By 1926 William Cesterle, retired from the Tri-City Electric Shop, and his wife, Matilda, resided here, and by 1940, Fred Weberling, a trucker, and his wife, Amelia.
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9. SIGNIFICANCE This building is a late but good example of Queen Anne-style architecture, and one of the many examples of this style in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The building is located among other late nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century buildings of similar size and scale. Although it has been re-sided in aluminum, it retains much of its original appearance.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

627 Rock Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P9-29



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 619 Rock Street Peru, Illinois legal description: N 1/2 Lots 5,6 block 9, original plat	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1870 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Se-4
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6. CONDITION Fair. L-shaped, gable-front two-story wood-frame house with asbestos shingles. Gable roof of asphalt shingles. Two-bay facade with tiny paired one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on north, entrance on south. Tiny one-over-one-light double-hung sash replacement windows asymmetrically placed about remainder. Shed-roofed pressboard addition to south, wood deck to north. West facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

8. HISTORICAL DATA This house appears to have been constructed c.1870. From before 1905 until at least 1940 it was occupied by Patrick Brady and his wife, Anna. Brady was a bookkeeper at the Illinois Zinc Company.

9. SIGNIFICANCE This gable-front house has been so altered by its re-siding and changed fenestration that its architectural character and integrity has been irreparably damaged. The building marks the early economic and residential development of Peru. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

619 Rock Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900
2. LOCATION 609 Rock Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

legal description: S 1/2
Lots 5,6, block 9, original plat

6. CONDITION

Good.

Irregularly shaped, one-and-a-half-story wood-frame building with clapboard siding. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation with basement. Off-center entrance with metal awning, cement stoop with wrought-iron railing. Projecting, pedimented one-and-a-half-story gables on facade and south sides with medallion-enriched trim, square fixed-pane attic windows. Facade gable with canted bay, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows, variously sized double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed about remainder of house. Hipped roof of asphalt shingles. West-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house appears to have been constructed around the turn of the century. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by Anton Kosowski and his wife, Celia. Kosowski was a police officer. By 1940 Harold Sjiniski, clerk with the Gamble Store Agency, and his wife, Otilla, resided here.

This building is a good example of the gabled cottage and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic growth and prosperity through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although a stoop with metal awning has been added to the facade, the building retains its original appearance. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

609 Rock Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Central School	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1904
2. LOCATION 706 Putnam Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) school/municipal building
	5. RATING Hm-3

6. CONDITION

good

Coursed stone ashlar foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. One-story, square-shaped building with glazed brick in running bond. Flat roof, brick chimney at northwest corner. Main (east) facade, three central bays: metal and glass doors with brick arches, three one-over-one double-hung sash windows above, name plate reading "Peru Community Building." Four windows with stone lintels flanking the central bays have been bricked over. Building significantly altered in 1960: many windows bricked, second story, multi-gabled hip roof and tower have been removed.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

Current building was constructed on the site of Peru's old Methodist Church, bought by the city in 1863 for \$3,250 for a grade school. In 1870 the building was converted into Peru High School; it was used until 1898 when the LaSalle and Peru High School was opened. The current building, Central School, was constructed in 1904 as the state's first departmental grade school. Each floor accommodated two grades housed in four classrooms around a central assembly room. Teachers were specialized. The municipality took over the building in 1960 to house the mayor's office, and removed the second story.

The building has historical significance as the first departmental grade school in Illinois and still serves an important role as the municipal building. Massive alterations, however, have destroyed its architectural character.

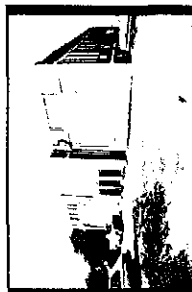
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Central School

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1898 and 1905	
2. LOCATION 628 Putnam Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
5. CONDITION fair		6. RATING Sm-3	
7. DESCRIPTION Foundation not visible. Structural system unknown. Three-story, rectangular house with stucco cladding. Side-gable roof, slate shingles, returned eaves, two gable-end chimneys, central gable dormer with single fixed light. Screened porch with flat roof, brick columns and side walls, along first floor of main (east) facade. Second floor fenestration: double fixed windows in center flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with stone slip sills. House located across street from municipal building at edge of residential district.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA Built between 1898 and 1905. I.M. Ong, the superintendent of Peru's public schools, lived in the house between 1905-9. It has had several inhabitants since including: J.M. Nelson, who owned Peru's first garage (1911-1923); William Bendix, an employee of Westclox (1926-1958); Emil Demattia, factory worker (1958-76) and Richard Hussman, who has lived here since 1984.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE This Queen Anne-style house was built at the turn of the century -- a time of steady growth in Peru's population and prosperity fueled by its thriving industries. Although stuccoed, the building retains good integrity. It is located on a corner lot in a mixed residential area.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

628 Putnam Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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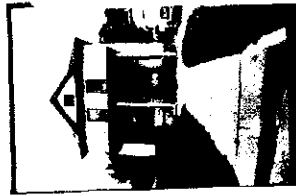
1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1897 and 1905
2. LOCATION 616 Putnam Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
5. CONDITION fair		5. RATING Sm-3
6. DESCRIPTION <p>Coursed stone ashlar foundation. Two-and-one-half story, T-shaped house with aluminum siding. Hip roof, asphalt shingles, central gabled dormer with vent, one end wall chimney on south side. East (main) facade, two bays: aluminum storm door with blocked transom to north, Chicago-style window with fanlight to east, first floor: two one-over-one double-hung sash windows, second floor. One-story porch with flat roof, three metal pillars and wrought-iron steps leading to door, not original to house, along east facade. Detached shed to west of main block under construction. House located in residential area.</p> <p>Built between 1897 and 1905 replacing a pre-1888 brick structure. W.S. Hawthorne, superintendent at Westclox, lived in the house from 1905 to 1951. It changed hands many times until it was purchased by Francis Budde in 1974.</p> <p>The integrity of this c. 1900 Foursquare variant has somewhat compromised by alterations. It nonetheless marks a time of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by Peru's thriving industries.</p>		
7. SIGNIFICANCE		
8. HISTORICAL DATA		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

616 Putnam Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

Owner: James Duncan

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
mid-19th century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence

5. RATING

2. LOCATION

512 Putnam Street
Peru, Illinois
legal description: Ninewa Addition
Block 62 Lot 1 S25'

Se-3

6. CONDITION

fair

Coursed smoothcut stone ashlar foundation. Two-story, gabled-ell house, asphalt-shingle siding. Roof has asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. East (main) facade of main block of house, three bays: wooden door with sidelights sheltered by gabled portico with turned columns and wooden surrounds, decorative railing at northeast corner, two one-over-one double-hung sash windows to south, first floor: three one-over-one double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds, second floor. One-story north wing with side gable roof and with turned posts and decorative wood pillars and eaves along the east facade, three bays: central wood door, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Detached one-car aluminum carport to southwest of main block. House located in residential area.

House built in the mid-nineteenth century. Charles Seepe, a German who had moved to Peru in 1849 and started a dry goods business, lived in the house in 1905. The house changed ownership several times before it was bought by salesman Lawrence Duncan in 1954.

Although altered by asbestos siding, this building is a good example of an upright and wing house and one of the few surveyed in Peru. It was constructed when Peru was enjoying a boom in population and prosperity as a result of the I & M Canal. The house is historically significant because of its ownership by one of Peru's oldest families -- the Seepes. It stands alone on Putman Street, separated by vegetation and empty lots from houses to the north and south.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

512 Putnam Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Frank Oszczypinski House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1922
2. LOCATION 248 Putnam Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
5. CONDITION good	6. RATING Sn-4
7. DESCRIPTION Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. One-story, rectangular, clapboard cladding. Side-gable roof, asphalt shingles, concrete central chimney. North (main) facade, two bays: aluminum storm door to east, one-over-one double-hung sash window to west, stone patio in front of facade. Wood deck and stone patio along south facade. One of two houses on Putnam Street between residential area to north and Water Street to south.	
8. HISTORICAL DATA Built in 1922 for Frank Oszczypinski, a laborer at Illinois Zinc. The house changed ownership several times before being purchased by Jean Devera.	
9. SIGNIFICANCE This frame structure is among the most modest working class houses in Peru. It was built in 1922 when the town was still enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity based on the area's thriving industries. This is one of two houses on the block, isolated from the rest of the residential neighborhood by empty lots and vegetation.	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Frank Oszcypinski House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1915 and 1926
2. LOCATION 713 Plum Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sn-3

6. CONDITION Good.	7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story stuccoed house. Hipped roof of asphalt shingles, interior chimney, wide eaves, and central hip-roofed dormer with paired one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Flat-roofed porch with stuccoed pillars and railing protecting three-bay facade with central entrance, flanking one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Similar windows asymmetrically placed about sides, including canted three-sided bay. Stuccoed foundation. West-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed between 1915 and 1926, when it was owned by Jeremiah and Frances Leahy.
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9. SIGNIFICANCE The building is a good example of a bungalow, and one of a number of representatives of this style in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development throughout the first decades of the twentieth century, and retains a high degree of its architectural integrity. The building is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

713 Plum Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Frederick Bindemann Tavern		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1898 or 1899
2. LOCATION 722-24 Peoria Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) saloon/notions shop, apartments
Owner: Arthur E. Trout legal description: Ninewa Addition Lot 1 S 40' N 60'		5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION
good

Stone and brick foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story rectangular building, first floor clad with asbestos siding simulating stone and aluminum siding, second floor clad with Blue Island brick, common bond. Flat asphalt roof with brick parapet. First floor of main (east) facade has two storefronts: south half has recessed entry transom to north; north half has two-light casement window to south and recessed metal door to north. Second floor of main facade has central one-over-one double-hung sash window with stone lintel and lug sill flanked by two three-bay oriels. Located in commercial district, one block off Peru's main commercial street.

This building was constructed as a tavern by Frederick Bindermann in 1888-1889 on the site of an earlier frame saloon. Henry Ulrick owned a saloon in the same building between 1905, when he put up a dividing wall and rented the north half of the building (724) to Barber Zirzedon. It remained a barber shop until 1921, when 722 became an electric shop and 724 was used as a bakery. The uses of both buildings have changed many times: 722 was a cigar store (1926-32), barber shop (1935-45), paint store (1948-56), and a craft store (1958-present); 724 was a soda shop (1922-28), meat market (1930-5), barber and beauty shop (1935-45), tavern (1951-5), lawyers office (1958-65), apartments. The Trout family purchased the building in 1948.

The complete remodelling of its first floor has damaged the integrity of this modest Queen Anne-style commercial building. It nonetheless marks Peru's steady growth during the late nineteenth century.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Frederick Bindemann Tavern

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Theresa Kilduff House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1892 and 1897	
2. LOCATION 625 Peoria Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
		5. RATING Sm-3	
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 57, Lot 5			

6. CONDITION

good

Coursed roughcut limestone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structural system. Two-story, L-shaped building with stucco cladding. Combination hip and gable roof, asphalt shingles, one central chimney. Asymmetrical fenestration main (west) facade, north to south: one-over-one double-hung sash window with wooden surround, multi-light wooden door with gable hood, bay with four one-over-one double-hung sash windows, double one-over-one double-hung sash windows. One-story, two-car garage with aluminum siding and front gable roof to south of main block

8. HISTORICAL DATA

House built between 1892 and 1897, for Mrs. Patrick (Theresa) Kilduff and her daughter Doris. The latter taught school before working in her brother Frances' dry goods business. Patrick M. Kilduff was one of Peru's first residents. He moved to Illinois from Harper's Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia), in 1838, and served as mayor of Peru, magistrate and county commissioner. The Kilduff family owned the home through 1935. William Hohlman, an employee of Matthiessen & Hegeler Zinc Co., owned the house between 1940 and 1954, when it was purchased by Lloyd Giesler.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This late nineteenth-century T-shaped house has been substantially altered by stucco, additions, etc. It nonetheless marks Peru's steady growth and prosperity by the town's thriving industries during the period. The house is noteworthy because of its long association with the Kilduffs, one of Peru's oldest families. The house sits on a large corner lot.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Theresa Kilduff House

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Captain John L. McCormick House

2. LOCATION

520 Peoria Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

1848

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Se-1

6. CONDITION

fair

Stone foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick structural system. L-shaped, two-story, Greek Revival-style house. Side gable roof, asphalt shingles, fully returned eaves, flatboard cornices, one central brick chimney, one brick chimney west facade. Main (east) facade, three bays: two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with stone lintels and lug sills to north, one wood door with sidelights and leaded-glass transom to south, first floor, three six-over-six windows with stone lintels and lug sills, second floor. Two-story wing with side gable roof and parapet to west of main block. House located in residential area.

7. DESCRIPTION

Captain John Lowery McCormick's house was built in 1848. He had come from Pennsylvania a year earlier and founded two of Peru's largest businesses -- ice harvesting (for many years Peru's largest business) and the Five Day Line, which operated packet boats between LaSalle and St. Louis. He had many other financial interests, including farming, stock trading and bridge building, and was active in politics. After McCormick's death, his daughter took over the house here until 1935. They willed it to a nephew, John H. McCormick, who owned the house until 1945. Since 1948 Francis J. Flaherty, a bookkeeper for Walter Duncan Oil Properties, has lived here.

This house was constructed during the greatest boom period in Peru. It is significant because its owner, Capt. John Lowry McCormick, played a major part in the business community. His house remains one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in Peru. Its main (east) and north facades are clearly visible from the street; it is the only residence on its block.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Captain John L. McCormick House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE H.M. Gallagher House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1865
2. LOCATION 417 Peoria Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
6. CONDITION fair		5. RATING Se-3
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Foundation material unknown. Gabled-ell with clapboard cladding. Cross-gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, central gabled dormer with one-over-one double-hung sash window. Western two-thirds of main (south) facade has one-story enclosed porch with central aluminum door, flanked by one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Eastern third of main facade, two-story, two-bays wide: double one-over-one double-hung sash windows first and second floors. All windows have wooden surrounds. House located in residential area.</p>		
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>House probably built c. 1865 for H. M. Gallagher. Born in Missouri in 1841, Gallagher moved to Peru in 1864, served as mayor, was a member of the state legislature and Peru School Board, edited the Peru Herald in 1876, and was an attorney and notary with offices on Water Street (1885). His widow Elena lived in the house through the 1906. Other owners included: blacksmith Joseph McCade (1909-20), salesman Frank N. Rademaker (1921, family of railroad clerk Joseph McDonald (1948-present)). Between 1922 and 1924 the house was used as rental property.</p>		
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>Although substantially altered, this L-shaped building marks Peru's greatest boom in population and prosperity, prompted by the I & M Canal. The house is historically significant because of its association with H.M. Gallagher, one of Peru's early residents. It is the only building on its block.</p>		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

H. M. Gallagher House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Charles Mathieu House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900	
2. LOCATION 110 Peoria Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
5. CONDITION good		6. RATING Sn-4	
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Coursed roughcut stone ashlar foundation. Rectangular, two-story house with pebble-dash (applied concrete pressed with stone) cladding. Cross-gable roof, asphalt shingles, returned eaves, central metal chimney. Main (east) facade has one-story entry porch with flat roof, two bays wide: one-over-one double-hung sash window at north, aluminum storm door at south. South half of main facade has Chicago-style window, first floor, two one-over-one double-hung sash windows, second floor. House located on bluff with Illinois River to south.</p>			
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>Built c. 1900 Charles Mathieu, employee at the Westclox factory, and his family. It was vacant for several years until Florence Kaszynski, laborer for the city street department, bought it in 1971. The current owner, James Gallagher, bought the house in 1985.</p>			
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>Although stuccoed, this L-shaped house marks Peru's steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by thriving industries. Located on a corner lot, the house is fairly isolated from its residential neighborhood.</p>			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Charles Mathieu House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Theophile Long house

2. LOCATION
1830 Main Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
Between 1920 and 1921

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence

5. RATING
Sn-4

6. CONDITION
good

Foundation not visible. Frame structure assumed. Two-story, rectangular shape, horizontal aluminum siding. Front gable roof with vertical aluminum siding under gable, asphalt shingling, one metal woodstove chimney southeast corner, one metal woodstove chimney east side. Main (north) facade on Main Street has three bays -- aluminum storm door at east, one small one-over-one double hung-sash window at center, one oriel with three ten-light windows at west. Second floor has two paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Flat-roofed, aluminum, one-story portico at east side of north facade. Double garage, one-story, front gable roof, asphalt shingling, aluminum siding attached to south side of house by one-story room with shed asphalt roof. Located in residential neighborhood.

House built between 1920 and 1921 for Mrs. Theophile Long, widow of A.J. Long. It remained in the family until 1951. The current owner, Joseph Neff, has lived here since 1971.

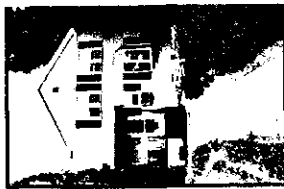
This much-altered gable-front house retains little integrity and is an intrusion upon the historic character of its late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Theophile Long House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Circa 1905
2. LOCATION 1825 Main Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION Good.	<p>Roughcut stone and concrete foundation. Two-story, L-shaped building with stucco cladding. Side-gable metal roof with brick interior chimney at east end. South (main) facade, three symmetrical bays, center aluminum storm door flanked by two one-over-one double hung sash windows. Metal, flat-roofed portico, one-story. One-story, flat-roofed addition with aluminum storm door and awning facing west to north of main block. Detached one-story stuccoed shed with side gable, asphalt-shingle roof, to northwest of main block and addition. House located in residential area.</p>
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7. DESCRIPTION	<p>House was built about 1905, probably for painter Adolph Loeffler. The home remained in the Loeffler family through 1915. It changed ownership several times until purchased by the current resident, Wayne Pothoff, in 1960.</p>
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	<p>This is one of three houses on this block that indicate the steady fortunes during the years marked by steady population growth and prosperity fueled by the town's many industries. To the east of this one is a 1950s ranch house that intrudes on the integrity of the block. This side-gable, turn-of-the-century house, which sits on a corner lot, has been significantly altered.</p>
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9. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>TOWN OF PERU HABS No. IL-312 (pg 156)</p>
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1825 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

R. E. Marlett House

2. LOCATION

1809 Main Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: James Brown
601 E. Madison
Pontiac, IL 61764

legal description: Ninewa Addition
Block 86 Lot 9

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

1913-15

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Pair.

Running-bond brick foundation. Wood-frame construction. One-and-one-half story, rectangular shape, clapboard cladding. Side-gable roof flares over porch, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, central hipped dormer with three four-over-one double-hung sash windows. Porch along main (south) facade has two end clapboard piers and metal poles at center. Three-bay, asymmetrical main facade, wood door with leaded-glass transom at west, one-over-one double-hung sash window at center, six-over-one double-hung sash window at east, both with wooden surrounds. Detached one-story, one-car garage with aluminum siding and flat roof to northwest of main block. Bungalow located in residential area.

Built between 1913 and 1915 for R.E. Marlett, an employee at Westclox. It remained in the family until 1926, when it was purchased by laborer James Arbuckle. The house was owned by the Arbuckles until 1969, when purchased by Roger Galbriese. The current owner, James Brown, bought it in 1979.

This well-maintained house is typical of the bungalows built in Peru in early twentieth century -- years marked by steady growth and prosperity fueled by the town's many industries. To the east is a two-story wood frame house built in the late nineteenth century; to the west a simple, 1950s ranch house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

R. E. Marlett House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1865	
2. LOCATION 1803 Main Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
6. CONDITION Good.		5. RATING Sm-3	
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Coursed stone rubble foundation. Wood-frame construction. Two-story, rectangular shape with clapboard cladding. Front-gable roof with asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, metal woodstove chimney under construction at east side. Flat-roofed, one-story porch along south (main) facade with two brick end piers. Symmetrical fenestration -- first floor: center aluminum storm door with transom flanked by two two-over-two double-hung sash windows; second floor: three two-over-two double-hung sash windows. All windows and doors with wooden surrounds. One-story front gable addition to north of main block has wooden porch, with four turned posts and sunburst motif that reflect Eastlake influence. One-story garage with clapboard cladding, two aluminum doors and asphalt shingling to northeast of main block. House located in residential area.</p> <p>House was built c. 1865. It is the residence of Charles Schobert, an employee of Illinois Zinc, in 1905-6. Between 1909 and 1949 it was owned by William Link, who worked at Westclox. The current owner, William Radke, formerly a machine operator at Westclox, has occupied the house since 1951.</p> <p>This building is a somewhat altered example of a gable-front house, and one of a number of representatives of this type in Peru. It marks the community's strong early development following the construction of the I & canal. The house is located among other houses of various ages and styles.</p>			
8. SIGNIFICANCE			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1803 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-19th Century
2. LOCATION 1729 Main Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
Legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 87, Lots 6,7	5. RATING Se-1

6. CONDITION fair

Coursed stone rubble foundation. Load bearing stone masonry construction. Two-story, rectangular shaped, Federal style, stuccoed. Side gable roof, returned eaves, two interior end brick chimneys. South (main) facade has symmetrical fenestration -- first floor central aluminum storm door flanked by four 1/1 double hung sash windows; second floor with five 1/1 double hung sash windows. North facade has enclosed two-story porch with shed roof, (details of facade obscured). One-story wood shed with double wooden doors and front gable roof to north of main block of house. House is located in residential area.

This house was built in the mid-19th century. Its owner from 1905 through 1923 was W.J. Croissant, an employee of Illinois Zinc. Martin Werdung, a machinist, lived here from 1926 to 1940. The house changed hands several times before it was purchased by Martin Kotecki, in 1954.

Although stuccoed, this rare and early stone house retains good integrity. It marks Peru's modest yet strong early growth and development because of the Illinois and Michigan Canal. It is located in a mid-nineteenth to early twentieth century neighborhood.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1729 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1875
2. LOCATION 1728 Main Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
6. CONDITION Good.		5. RATING Sm-2
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. Stuccoed exterior. Two-story, T-shaped building with cross gable roof, asphalt shingles, central chimney. South (main) facade faces river, not visible. North facade on Main Street is symmetrical with two bays -- two paired two-over-two double-hung sash windows first floor, two one-over-one double-hung sash windows second floor. One-story frame, flat-roofed attached garage with aluminum garage door. Casement window marks section connecting garage with house. One-story porch on west facade, stuccoed pillars, hipped roof with asphalt shingles. House located in residential area on bluff north of Water Street and the Illinois River.</p> <p>House was built c. 1875. The house was owned between 1905 and 1915 by C. Engele, widow of Adolph Engele, one of six surgeons and physicians in Peru during 1886. The house changed hands several times until 1963, when it was purchased by Sidney Smith.</p> <p>Although stuccoed and altered with additions, this massed-plan, side-gable house is representative of the vernacular residential architecture in late nineteenth-century Peru. It is located in a modest late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood.</p>		
8. HISTORICAL DATA		
9. SIGNIFICANCE		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1728 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE H.N. Hackman Jr. House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION circa 1905	
2. LOCATION 1721 Main Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
6. CONDITION good		5. RATING Sm-3	
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Concrete block foundation. Structural system unknown, one-and-a-half-story, rectangular shape, clapboard cladding. Side-gable roof, asphalt shingling, central chimney and central hipped-roof dormer with paired casement windows. Enclosed porch along main (south) facade with three symmetrical bays -- central aluminum door flanked by single-light window, band of three one-over-one double hung sash windows at west, paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows at east. One-car, one-story detached garage with flat roof to north of main block. Located in residential area.</p>			
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>House appears to have been built around 1905 by Herman Hackman for his son H.N. Hackman. The elder Hackman had been a grocer in Peru since at least 1886 and lived next door at 1715 Main Street until his death in 1910. At that point the son moved into his father's house and the building at 1721 Main Street was bought by H. F. Kellenbach, an engineer at Fitch's Laundry, who owned it through 1940. Kellenbach's widow lived there until 1963, when the house was bought by Audrey Colwell, supervisor of the Illinois Youth Council, who still lives there.</p>			
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>Alterations to this early bungalow have damaged its architectural integrity. It nonetheless indicates the continually rising fortunes of Peru in the early twentieth century -- years marked by steady population growth and prosperity fueled by the town's growing industrial base. It is located in a residential neighborhood boasting houses of various styles and ages.</p>			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

H. N. Hackman Jr. House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Herman Hackman House

Owner: Gary Dahl

2. LOCATION

1715 Main Street
Peru, Illinois

Legal description: Nineva Addition
Block 87 Lot 8

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-1886

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Se-3

6. CONDITION

good

Brick running-bond foundation. Wood-frame system. Two-story, rectangular shape with pebble-dash (applied concrete pressed with pebbles) cladding. Front-gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Flat-roofed one-story porch with pebble-dash piers extending across main (south) facade of building on Main Street. Aluminum door at west side, paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows at east side first floor. Second floor-- one single one-over-one double hung sash window at east, paired one-over-one double-hung sash window at west. All openings on main facade have wooden surrounds. Detached one-car garage with aluminum siding, hip roof at northwest corner of lot. House located in residential area at dead-end of Main Street, next to steps leading to Putnam Street below.

7. DESCRIPTION

This house appears to have been constructed c. 1875, with major alterations made c. 1915. It was inhabited by Herman Hackman, a grocer, between 1886 and 1910, when it was taken over by his son and wife who lived here until 1956 and the son's widow who lived here through 1971. The house changed hands several times until purchased by Jean Devera in 1979. Her husband still owns the property.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

With its "new" face, this early house indicates the continually rising fortunes of Peru between the mid nineteenth and early twentieth centuries -- years marked by steady growth and prosperity fueled by the town's growing industrial base. It is located in a neighborhood of residences of various styles and ages.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Herman Hackman House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 19th century
2. LOCATION 1714 Main Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
Owners: Paul and Karen Basalay	5. RATING Sm-3
Legal description: Nineva Addition: Block 124 Lot 4 except S 35'	

6. CONDITION good	7. DESCRIPTION Foundation not visible. Frame structure assumed. One-story, rectangular building, wood shingle cladding. Front gable roof, flared eaves, asphalt shingling, central chimney. Main (north) facade faces Main Street. One-story recessed screened porch at east end partially obscured by decorative wood-panelled arch framing entry. Porch has hipped shingled roof, wood-shingle siding and single wooden door. No windows on main facade. One-car, one-story garage at northeast corner with front gable roof and wood shingle cladding. House located on bluff overlooking Water Street and Illinois River to south.
8. HISTORICAL DATA	House built nineteenth century. Leonard DeGroot, a Peru saloon owner, lived in the house between 1905 and 1912. It has since changed hands many times.

9. SIGNIFICANCE	The original architectural character of this one-story house is impossible to determine because of radical and permanent alterations.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1714 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1880
2. LOCATION 1708 Main Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
Owner: Edmund Kierczinski	5. RATING Sm-2
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 124 E 1/2 lot 4, W Part 3 60'x90'	

6. CONDITION

good

Foundation not visible. Structural system unknown. Stucco cladding. Rectangular shape, one-and-a-half stories. Front gable with saltbox roof over east end, asphalt shingling, one central chimney. Main (north) facade four bays. One-story enclosed porch with asphalt-shingle flat roof and stuccoed pillars across western two-thirds of main facade includes three bays -- one wood door flanked by two sets of three three-over-one windows. Fourth bay is one-over-one double hung sash window at east end under saltbox roof. Second floor has two one-over-one double hung sash windows. All floors and windows have wooden surrounds. A one-story, one-car garage to east of house has gable roof, two wooden doors and tarpaper siding. Home located in residential area on bluff overlooking Water Street and Illinois River. South side of house overlooks river.

House built c. 1880. Herbert Bierbrodt and H. Dwornik, miners, lived here in 1905. Many factory workers have lived in the house, including employees of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, National Sheet Metal, Westclox and Illinois Zinc. Marie Kierczinski, a widow, bought the house in 1958; her son Edmund, a factory worker, still owns it.

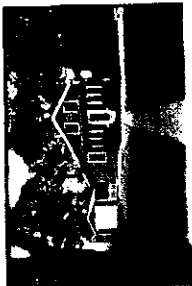
This block is representative of houses built in Peru during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries -- an era of increasing population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industrial base. This modest gabled house shows some integrity, although its porch has been enclosed.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1708 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	Owner: Bert Whitehouse	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1886
2. LOCATION 1704 Main Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: Nineva Addition Block 124 Lot 1 except 30' west Lot 2 except S 30', Lot 3 E 1/2	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence 5. RATING

See 2

6. CONDITION

good

Foundation not visible. Frame structure assumed. Clapboard cladding. Two-story, rectangular shape. Front gable roof, returned eaves, asphalt shingling, central chimney. Main (north) facade, three bays. Fenestration pattern first floor, west to east: aluminum storm door with wooden gable hood, followed by two one-over-one double-hung sash storm windows. Patio north facade with open wood rail. Second floor has two one-over-one double hung sash windows. One-story addition to east with side gable roof, Chicago-style window, clapboard cladding connects main house to garage. One-story, two-car attached garage with front gable roof, asphalt shingling, clapboard cladding east of main block. House sits in residential area on high bluff overlooking the Illinois River.

House was built before 1886 (alterations make a more precise dating difficult). Jane Sausman, a widow, lived here between 1886 and 1909. The house changed hands many times before it was purchased by Bert Whitehouse in 1970.

This altered gable-front house marks Peru's steady growth during the late nineteenth century. It is located in a modest late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1704 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Albert & Kate Seepe House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1905-1915
2. LOCATION 622 Grant Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
		5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Square, two-and-a-half-story building with two-bay facade and aluminum siding. Wide-eaved hip roof of asphalt with central, hip-roofed dormers with shingle one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Single and paired one-over-one double-hung sash and fixed-pane windows asymmetrically placed about first and second stories. Flat-roofed, facade-long porch on battered piers over off-center entrance. Projecting three-sided bay and decorative exterior chimney on north face. South-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential construction.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed between 1905 and 1915 for Albert Seepe and his wife Kate. Seepe was a junior partner in Charles Seepe and sons, prominent local dry goods merchants. Seepe and his family occupied the house until at least 1940.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

The building is a good example of the American Foursquare, and one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marked the continued economic development of the city through the turn of the century as well as the parallel growth in middle-class housing. The building is of further historic significance because of its association with Albert Seepe, prominent local dry goods merchant. Although it has been reversibly altered by the application of aluminum siding, the building retains good integrity. It is located in a cohesive area of late nineteenth and early twentieth-century residences.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Albert and Kate Seepe house

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid nineteenth century	
2. LOCATION 616 Grant Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence	
6. CONDITION Fair.		5. RATING Se-2	

Legal description: S 1/2
Lot 1,2 Block 57 , Ninewah

Rectangular, two-story I-house with aluminum siding. Gable roof of asphalt. Five-bay facade with symmetrically placed four-over-four double-hung sash windows on the second story. Transomed central and north-of-center entrances with flanking four-over-four double-hung sash windows on first floor. Facade-long one-story porch on battered piers. Gable-roofed additions to rear with similar fenestration, alterations. No visible foundation. East-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth and early twentieth century residences.

This house was constructed in the mid-nineteenth century. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by Charles Seepe, the founder of Charles Seepe and Sons, prominent local dry goods merchants. Seepe had started in the dry goods business at age 14 (1856), clerking in many area stores. In 1872 he became a partner in Seepe and Hoscheit. When he later retired in 1880, Seepe assumed full ownership. The firm, later called Charles Seepe and Sons when three of his children joined the business, ceased operation in 1930. By 1926 Albert H. Karn, secretary and superintendent of Peru's Board of Education, and his wife Etta resided in the house. Karn and his family lived there until at least 1940.

This mid to late nineteenth-century building is of significance because of its long association with Charles Seepe, prominent local dry goods merchant. Although it has been reversibly sided in aluminum, the structure maintains much of its original appearance. It is located in a cohesive block of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

616 Grant Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Peru, Illinois, Centennial (Peru, 1935).

Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Lewis and Evalina Olmstead House

2. LOCATION
516 Grant Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1915-1926

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence/residence

5. RATING
SN-3

Legal description: S 1/2
Lots 1,2 block 61, ninevah

6. CONDITION
Good.

Linear plan, side gable, stuccoed one story house with ell which faces east. Gable roof of asphalt with interior end chimney. Central entrance with large, bracketed segmental hood mold of wood. Paired 1/1 double hung sash windows with wood lintels and sills to left of entrance; similar trebled windows to right. No visible foundation. Located in an area of late 19th and early 20th century residences.

This house was constructed between 1915 and 1926. In the later year it was occupied by Lewis Olmsted, dentist, and his wife Evalina. The Olmsted family resided in the house until at least 1940.

This building is a good example of the side gable house, and one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the continued economic development of the community through the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although the building has been stuccoed, it retains good integrity. It is located among other late 19th and early 20th century residences of similar size and scale.

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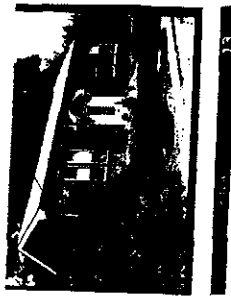
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Lewis & Evalina Olmsted House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Katherine Hebel House

2. LOCATION

507 Grant Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: N 1/2
Lot 6 block 60, ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

before 1868

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence/residence

6. RATING

Se-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, two story, vinyl-sided balloon frame house which faces west. Gable roof of asphalt with central chimney, broken returns. 2/2 double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed about first and second stories. Second story, facade door opening onto upper level of flat-roofed, wrap around porch with bracketed, cut out posts and elaborate trim.. Addition to rear with gable roof, same alterations. Foundation not visible. Located in an area of late 19th early 20th century residential construction.

This house may pre-date 1868 but has been altered. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by Catherine Hebel, widow of John. By 1940 John Martin, painter, and his wife Francis, resided here.

This mid-19th century building is a good example of the gable front house, and one of a number of representatives of this house type to survive in Peru. It marks the early residential development of this neighborhood and of Peru in general. Although it has been reversibly sided in vinyl, the building retains good integrity. It is located among other late 19th and early 20th century residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Catherine Hebel House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 11a-12



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Henry and Nannie Wachter House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1915-1926
2. LOCATION 504 Grant Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence/residence
6. CONDITION Very good.		5. RATING Sn-2
7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, side gable two story house of stretcher brick with three bay facade. Gable roof of asphalt. Projecting center section with trebled 3/1 double hung sash windows on second story, double entrance with bracketed, segmental hood mold on first. Flanking sections with paired, 1/1 double hung sash windows and continuous concrete lintels on second story, trebled 1/1 double hung sash windows on concrete lintels and sills on first story. Slightly recessed, flat roofed sun porch with second story balustrate, large brick corner pillars on north side of west-facing house. Located in an area of late 19th and early 20th century residences.		
8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed between 1915 and 1926 for Henry Wachter and his wife Nannie. Wachter was secretary and general manager of Illinois Valley Sash and Door Company. He and his family resided in the house until at least 1940.		
9. SIGNIFICANCE The building is an excellent example of Colonial Revival architecture, and one of the few representatives of this style in Peru. It marks the continued development of the city through the first decades of the 20th century. The building has been little altered, and retains a high degree of its architectural integrity. It is located among other late 19th and early 20th century residences of similar size and scale.		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Henry & Nannie Wachter House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

p7, 9a-11



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
residence

2. LOCATION
709 Fulton Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: S 50': First National Bank
N 75': Walter Halm,
1826 4th St., Peru, Illinois
Legal description: Ninewa
Addition, Block 34, Lot 6

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
predates 1886

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / apartments and business garage

5. RATING
Se-3

6. CONDITION
Fair

Stone rubble foundation patched with concrete. Two-story. Wood frame building with pebble dash cladding. Side gable roof with metal roofing material. Central Chimney. Main (west) elevation contains four bays: portico with flat roof; aluminum storm door; three two-over-two-light, double-hung sash windows along first floor and three two-over-two-light, double-hung sash windows along second story. One-story, two-car garage with aluminum siding and flat roof, attached to south facade. (Garage belongs to Halm's Auto Parts, a business located nearby on Fourth Street.)

House located in commercial area, one-half block south of Peru's main commercial street.

House predates 1886. Christian Haas, a carpenter and undertaker who built a store around the corner on Fourth Street in 1889 (which still exists), lived in this house between 1886 and 1915. Haas moved to the Peru area before 1858. His widow owned the house between 1917 and 1923. The house changed hands several times before 1948, when it was purchased by a relative of the current owner, Walter Halm. Halm's Motor Service, owned by Halm, occupies the 1858 commercial building erected on Fourth street by Haas (see other entry.)

This residence, built prior to 1886, was occupied for many years by Christian Haas, one of Peru's earliest residents and a successful businessman. Although the building retains much of its architectural integrity it suffers visually from a twentieth-century addition along its south elevation. This non-historic addition serves as a storage shed for an automobile repair shop.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
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11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1875	
2. LOCATION 413 Fulton Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
6. CONDITION good		5. RATING Sm-3	
7. DESCRIPTION Foundation not visible. Two-story frame rectangular building with wood shingle cladding. Front gable roof, asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney. Main (east) facade, two bays: three-over-one double-hung sash windows, second floor. Enclosed porch with shed roof, one aluminum storm door and one-over-one double-hung sash window on south facade. House located in residential area.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA House was built c. 1875. George Haffele lived there between 1905 and 1915. The longest owners were members of the John Barnveld family, who owned the house between 1921 and 1972. Barnveld was an employee of Westclox. The house has been owned by the Yanke family since 1984.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE This altered gable-front house marks Peru's steady growth and prosperity during the late nineteenth century because of thriving industries. It is isolated from houses to the north and south by a large lot.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

413 Fulton Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Gas Station)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION postdates 1984
2. LOCATION 2130 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) gas station
5. CONDITION good	5. RATING Cr-5
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Concrete-block foundation and structural system. One-story rectangular commercial building with brick veneer and asymmetrical fenestration on main (north) facade: two plate-glass windows at east, window and transom to west. Gas pump area to north of main block features flat shingled roof supported by two metal posts. Located in mixed-use commercial/residential area on Peru's main street.</p>	
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>Building was constructed after 1984 by Etna Oil Co., of Ottawa. Ron Magnoni has leased it for the past nine months as Ron's One-Stop -- a Shell gas station and a convenience store.</p>	
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>When this structure was recently built, Peru was enjoying a period of slight growth in population and prosperity, although it has never regained the financial health it enjoyed before the Great Depression. This building sits on a corner lot. To the east are two turn-of-the-century frame houses.</p>	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2130 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

Owner: William Roth
2519 7th St., Peru

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
c. 1906

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
grocery / bar / beauty salon

5. RATING
CH-2

2. LOCATION
2127-2129 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: S 77'
lot 6, block 24, Ninewah

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick commercial building with three-bay facade, stretcher-bond face (south) and west side of buff brick. Bracketed cornice with central frontispiece bearing the date "1906." Two-story one-over-one-light double-hung sash window with rusticated lintel in center, flanked by paired, identical windows. Altered first floor with large display windows boarded closed with vertical wood siding. Two storefronts with central, recessed entrances and cast-iron stoops ("Love Brothers, Aurora, Illinois"). Rectangular, one-story, structural tile addition with flat roof to east. Corner structure at the western edge of Peru's traditional commercial district.

This building was constructed in 1906. From before 1910 until at least 1915, it housed the saloon and grocery of Joseph Hauter and John Massion (west) as well as the grocery of Frank Kreis (east). By 1926 Kreis was the sole occupant.

This building, with its blocky massing, and simple cornice and fenestration, is representative of brick commercial architecture built on Fourth Street around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru in which commercial activity moved from Water to Fourth Street. Although its first floor has been altered by the re-siding of its display windows in wood, the building retains much of its original appearance. The structure is somewhat isolated from the rest of the downtown commercial district, being located in an intact block of mixed-use commercial and residential structures of similar scale and materials dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2127-2129 Fourth Street

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE The Oval Mirror/Odyssey Cruise		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-twentieth century
2. LOCATION 2123 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) beauty salon / travel agency
6. CONDITION Good.		5. RATING Cr-5
7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, one-story, concrete block, three bays. Flat roof, formstone front, large metal display windows, two metal doors in center of south-facing building. Located at western edge of Peru's downtown commercial district.		
8. HISTORICAL DATA This commercial building was constructed in the mid-twentieth century.		
9. SIGNIFICANCE Because of its unsympathetic scale, massing, and materials, this building strongly intrudes upon the historic character of its neighborhood, a mixed area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences and storefronts. It is of minor historical significance.		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Oval Mirror / Odyssey Cruise Travel

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1880
2. LOCATION 2116 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION good	7. DESCRIPTION Brick foundation. Wood-frame structural system assumed. One-story, L-shaped building sheathed with asphalt shingles. Side gable roof, with asphalt shingles, returned eaves, central chimney. North facade has six asymmetrically placed two-over-two double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds. South (main) facade features entry porch at southeast with hip roof, metal post. House located in mixed-use residential/commercial block of Peru's main commercial street.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA Built c. 1880. Owned in 1905-6 by H. Rose, who worked at Illinois Zinc Co. Other long-term owners included widow Kate Dreisbeck (1917-62) and Lucille Meier (1963 to the present).
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9. SIGNIFICANCE When this frame house was built, Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by thriving industries. This modest, but well-maintained house, is representative of side-gable cottages form the late nineteenth century. The house sits mid-block. To the east is a slightly later, larger frame house, to the west a gas station/convenience store.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2116 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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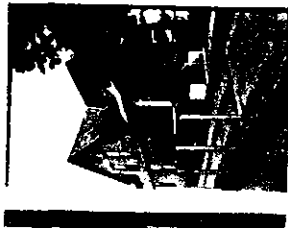
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1905	
2. LOCATION 2115 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence	
		5. RATING Sm-2	
6. CONDITION Good.			
7. DESCRIPTION Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half stories, stuccoed wood frame. Multi-gabled roof covered with asphalt; irregularly placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows; open, facade-long porch with flat roof, gabled entrance, large stuccoed pillars. Coursed asphalt foundation, raised basement. Weathered frame barn with gable roof, vertical siding to the northwest. Faces south; located at the western edge of a downtown commercial district.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was constructed c. 1900. By 1905 it was occupied by Edward Weiland; the couple resided there until at least 1915. Weiland was a cigar manufacturer who kept a shop at 1807 Fourth Street, Peru, until his death in 1925.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE This house is a fine example of late Queen Anne-style architecture and displays good integrity. Its architectural significance is enhanced its association with Edward Weiland, a prominent local cigar manufacturer. It is located in an intact block of mixed-use commercial and residential structures of similar scale and materials dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
2115 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1875
2. LOCATION 2110 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Concrete foundation. Wood frame structural system. Two-story, residence with asphalt shingle cladding. Cross-gable roof with asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Two-story, main block of house with main (north) facade, two bays wide: two 2/2 double hung sash windows first floor, two 2/2 double hung sash windows second floor, all with wooden surrounds. One-story wing to east with enclosed early 20th century porch across main (north) seven-bay facade: band of four 3/1 double hung sash windows at east, aluminum storm door flanked by two narrow 2/1 windows at west. Located in mixed use commercial/residential block of Peru's main commercial street.

This house was constructed c. 1875. It was owned by Otto Birkenbuel, a bricklayer, between 1905-17. He was the descendant of an old Peru family that had been stone masons: A. Birkenbuel, a stone mason, lived in Peru in 1858. Between 1918-23, the home was owned by workers at Westclox. In 1926 it was purchased by Anton Kopach, who lived and operated a shoe repair business here through 1951. The business and house were occupied by Laddie and Ruth Padlo between 1956-79. The house has since changed hand several times.

This building is a modest, altered upright-and-wing house. When it was constructed Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity. The house is located mid-block. To the east is a stone and aluminum commercial building, and to the west a smaller frame house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2110 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900
2. LOCATION 2103 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: Lot 10, block 24, Ninewah	5. RATING Sm-3
6. CONDITION Fair.	
<p>L-shaped, one-story, wood frame with aluminum siding. Cross-gabled roof of asphalt. Facade-long, enclosed, flat-roofed, one-story porch with formstone siding. Symmetrically placed, four-over-four-light double-hung sash windows. Brick and smooth-faced concrete block foundation with basement.</p>	
<p>This house was constructed c. 1900. By 1905 it was occupied by David Gisler and his wife, Minnie. Gisler, a teamster with the Peru Beer Company, resided there until at least 1926.</p>	
<p>This building is a good example of a modest frame turn-of-the-century gabled-ell house, and is one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the continued development of western Fourth Street as a residential area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The building has been somewhat altered by the application of siding and the addition/enclosure of its porch, both reversible changes. It is located in an intact block of mixed-use commercial and residential structures of similar scale and materials dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.</p>	

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

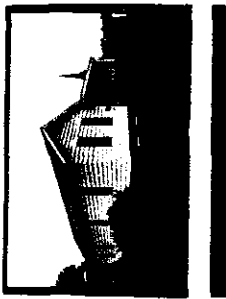
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2103 Fourth Street

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION circa 1905
2. LOCATION 2102 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) house/steak house and tavern
	5. RATING Sn-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Roughcut coursed limestone ashlar foundation. Two-story, L-shaped house with stone and corrugated aluminum cladding. Gable roof with false front, asphalt shingles. Main (north) facade of main block, four-bay asymmetrical fenestration, east to west: recessed entry with wooden door flanked by glass-block windows, two plate-glass windows, one aluminum storm door with transom, first floor; two 2/2 double-hung sash windows with stone lug sills, second floor. Aluminum side gable roof over one-story addition with corrugated aluminum siding to west of main block, three-bay, asymmetrical fenestration, east to west: wooden door with one light under gabled portico, two-light casement windows. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Built around 1905. Edwin Forster, a molder for Charles Brunner's ironworks, lived here between 1905 and 1920. In 1921 Joseph Woodshank sold soft drinks here. It changed ownership once in the 1920s before Frank Krultz bought it for a social hall and cigar store. After Prohibition he opened a tavern in the building, which he operated until 1963, when purchased by the current owner and made into Bek's.

When this building was constructed, Peru was enjoying a period of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving businesses. The structure has been altered and lacks architectural integrity. It sits on a corner lot; to the west are two c. 1900 frame houses.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
2102 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION
2022 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1966 and 1969

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
car wash/bank drive-in

5. RATING
Cr-5

6. CONDITION
Good.

Concrete block foundation and structural system. Rectangular, one-story commercial building with wood-shingle and concrete cladding. Flat roof. One bay on main (north) facade has double glass metal doors with transom and shingled parapet above at northeast corner. Five-bay drive-through area to west of main block with metal columns supporting flat shingled roof. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Built between 1966-69 as Johnson's Automatic Car Wash. In 1976 it was assumed by the First National Bank of Peru to house its drive-in teller operation. Building replaced a pre-1905 house; the house appeared to have been used mostly as rental property.

When this structure was built in the late 1960s, Peru was undergoing a slight increase in population and prosperity, although it never regained the economic well-being enjoyed before the Great Depression. The building sits on a corner lot; to the east are two earlier houses.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2022 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Berry Bearing	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-twentieth century
2. LOCATION 2017 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) retail / commercial
5. RATING Cr-5	
6. CONDITION Fair.	
7. DESCRIPTION Large, rectangular, one-story, load-bearing brick with flat roof. Six-bay facade and stretcher bonding. Panel of large display windows across facade (south side) now boarded closed. Large brick sign added to east side. Concrete and brick foundation. Double metal doors on the east side. Located at western end of downtown commercial district.	
8. HISTORICAL DATA This building was constructed in the mid-twentieth century.	
9. SIGNIFICANCE Because of its unsympathetic scale and massing, this very large, low building intrudes strongly upon the historic fabric of its neighborhood, an intact block of mixed-use commercial and residential structures of similar scale and materials dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Because of its late construction, the building has minimal historical significance.	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Berry Bearing

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1965
2. LOCATION 2016 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Sr-5
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. One-story, rectangular residence with aluminum siding. Hip roof, asphalt shingles, central metal chimney. North (main) facade has asymmetrical fenestration, east to west: double garage door, aluminum storm door, three two-light casement windows. Aluminum storage shed with tent roof to south of main block. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.</p> <p>This house was built c. 1965. Larry Butkus, a teacher, purchased the house in 1976; members of the family still live there.</p> <p>This ranch house intrudes upon the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century character of Fourth Street. It was constructed when Peru was recovering slightly from the long-lasting effects of the Depression.</p>	
8. HISTORICAL DATA	
9. SIGNIFICANCE	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2016 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

Owner: Grace E. Liebhart

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1885

2. LOCATION

2015 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

T-shaped, one-story, wood frame with asbestos shingles. Gable roof of asphalt. Irregularly placed, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Enclosed re-entrant angle porch on east with flat and large brick pillars. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation. Located at the western end of Peru's commercial district.

This house was constructed c. 1885. By 1905 it was occupied by Albert Hasse and his wife, Clara. Hasse was a blacksmith at the Illinois Zinc Company, and also served as Peru's fire marshal. By 1915 William F. Hundt, Fourth Ward Alderman, resided in the building; he lived there until at least 1926.

This structure provides a good example of a modest frame turn-of-the-century T-shaped residence. It is one of a handful of laborer's houses of that era remaining. Although altered reversibly by the application of aluminum siding and the enclosure of its porch, the house retains much of its original appearance. It is located in an intact block of mixed-use commercial and residential structures of similar scale and materials dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Albert and Clara Hasse House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1906 and 1915
2. LOCATION 2013 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) commercial / sewing machine sales
	5. RATING Cn-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

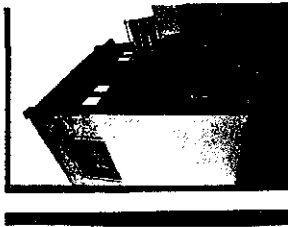
Rectangular, two story, load-bearing brick building with three-bay facade, stretcher-bond face of buff brick, common bond on sides. Concrete-trimmed roofline with parapets, simple wood architrave, two paired second-story one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with continuous cement lintels and sills. Transoms above first floor have been covered. Central, recessed entrance and large flanking display windows. Cast-iron fire escape attached to west. South-facing; located in a commercial district of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings.

This commercial building was constructed between 1906 and 1915, at which time it was occupied by J.J. Magdziarz, cleaner and presser. By 1926 Anton Remenih's shoe repair shop was located here; Remenih occupied the building until at least 1935.

This building with its blocky massing, and simple fenestration and cornice, is representative of brick commercial architecture built on Fourth Street around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru in which commercial growth moved from Water Street. Although its first-floor transoms have been covered, the building maintains its original appearance. It marks the western end of a grouping of similar brick turn-of-the-century commercial structures. An area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences lies to the west.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
2013 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Anna Schweigert house	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1906
2. LOCATION 2010 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
	5. RATING Sm-4

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Roughcut coursed limestone ashlar foundation. Frame structural system. Two-story, rectangular residence with wood-shingle cladding. Combination hip and gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. One-story open porch with hip roof, shingled piers across main (north) facade. Main facade has three bays, east to west: small one-over-one double-hung sash window, aluminum storm door, one picture window, all with wooden surrounds and corner blocks, first floor. Fixed leaded-glass window to east, one-over-one double-hung sash window to west, second floor. Two closed gables on north facade -- on second story west, other over porch at east. One-story, two-car garage with shed roof, asphalt shingles simulating brick cladding to south of main block. One of two houses in a commercial block on Peru's main commercial street.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

House built in 1906 for Anna Schweigert. It was owned by members of the Schweigert family through 1971, but has since changed hands several times.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

When this modest, somewhat altered Queen Anne-style house was built, Peru was enjoying a period of steady growth because of its thriving industries. The house sits mid-block. To the east is a one-story brick commercial building, to west a one-story ranch house; both are out of scale and style with this house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Anna Schweigert House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	Owner: Robert Burkhardt 2007 4th Street, Peru	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1855
2. LOCATION 2007 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: E 1/2 lot 9, block 25, Ninewah	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
		5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION Good.	7. DESCRIPTION Side gabled, rectangular, one-and-half stories, stuccoed stone, three-bay facade. Gable roof covered with asphalt, interior end chimneys. Central, formerly transomed door and flanking double display windows with three-part transoms. Flat-roofed awning the length of the facade. Interrupted returns of wood visible on west side. South-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings.	8. HISTORICAL DATA This house-turned-commercial building dates from c. 1855. An updated photograph (likely from the late nineteenth century) shows the building, then used as a house, with facade-long porch on bracketed turned posts protecting a central entrance and flanking pairs of double-hung sash windows. By 1926 the building was occupied by Robert Schmitz, a barber.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This building, an excellent example of a midnineteenth-century side-gable residence, represents one of a very few stone structures remaining from the period of Peru's early settlement. Although it now serves a commercial use, it maintains much of its original appearance. Turn-of-the-century commercial structures of similar scale stand on either side.
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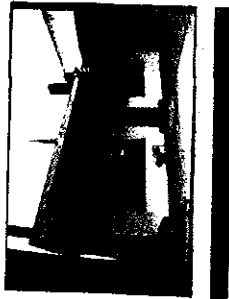
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

2007 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1870
2. LOCATION 2003 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) bar
5. CONDITION Fair.	6. RATING Se-4

legal description: W 38' S 80'
lot 10, block 25, Ninewah

Rectangular, two-story, gable-front frame building surrounded by one-story addition with vertical wood siding. East half of facade with central, wood door and flanking rectangular display windows. Facing south; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures.

This house-turned-commercial building was constructed c. 1870. From 1905 until at least 1915, George Pappernick and his wife Gusta resided in the house. Pappernick operated a barber shop from his home.

The architectural integrity of this midnineteenth-century house-turned-commercial structure has been severely compromised by numerous additions and alterations. It strongly intrudes upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century mixed-use commercial and residential structures.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
2003 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Owner: First National Bank of Peru c. 1895
2. LOCATION 2001 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) bar 5. RATING Cm-4

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick commercial building, stuccoed. Two-bay facade. Wide cornice with end finials. Symmetrically placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story. First floor altered with metal siding and formstone. Angled metal display windows and metal door on east side of facade. South-facing; located in downtown commercial district (on a corner lot) in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century construction.

This building appears to have been constructed c. 1895.

This building is a typical example of late nineteenth-century brick commercial architecture. It is representative of the commercial development which took place on Fourth Street around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migrations of commercial activity to Fourth Street from Water Street. The building's integrity is so compromised by alterations (altered fenestration and storefront and stuccoed face and sides), that it detracts from the historic character of the group of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century mixed-use commercial and residential structures which surround it.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
2001 Fourth Street

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid 19th century
2. LOCATION 2000 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) laundry/church, attorney offices
	5. RATING Ce-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

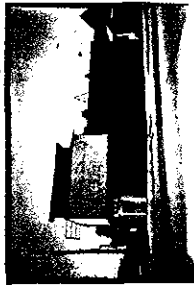
Stone rubble foundation. Stone load-bearing structural system. Rectangular, two-story commercial building with stone cladding. Front-gable asphalt roof with false front. Cast-iron cornice, asymmetrical fenestration, north (main) facade: canted northeast corner with recessed multi-light wooden door, two glass-block windows to west, first floor; second floor clad in wood panelling. One-story addition to west of main block with flat roof, concrete foundation, brick veneer, glass door to east with sidelight and transom, two-light plate-glass window to west. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Built during the mid-to-late nineteenth century. Between 1905 and 1963 it housed laundries under different owners. The eastern half of the building has had various uses since then including the Sally Elliott School of Dance (1965-6), Bart Manning Real Estate (1969-76), the Corner Closet (1977), Knots Enough Macrame Shop (1980), Templo Cristiano Church (1982-present). The west half of the building has housed a laundromat (1965-76) and attorneys' offices (1982-present).

When this building was constructed in the mid nineteenth century, Peru was undergoing its greatest boom in prosperity and population with new industries that were locating in the town because of the I & M canal. This one-story brick building has been remodeled extensively, damaging its architectural integrity as one of Peru's few stone structures. It is located on a corner lot; directly west is a 1906 house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
2000 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-8 Frame 19



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1868 and 1886
2. LOCATION 1925-1927 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) grocery / bar saloon
Owner: Conrad Haupt 2530 Main St., Peru	5. RATING Ce-2

6. CONDITION Fair.	<p>Rectangular, gable-front, two-story wood-frame building with false front. Gable roof of asphalt. Wide cornice and paired consoles with pendants. Symmetrically placed two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows on second story. West half of ground-floor facade has buff stretcher-bond brick and decorative belt courses; central entrance trimmed with glass block as are flanking display windows. Eastern half with central, recessed entrance with transom flanked by large display windows. Frame additions to rear. South-facing; located on corner lot in downtown commercial district of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings.</p>
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7. DESCRIPTION	<p>This double commercial building with its false front was constructed between 1868 and 1888. From before 1880 until at least 1909, it housed a saloon (west) and grocery (east); in 1897 the saloon side was vacant. In 1915 E.A. Schneider operated the saloon, living with his wife, Barbara, upstairs; by 1926 William Block sold soft drinks there. From before 1915 until at least 1926 Herman Mueller operated a grocery from the east side, living with his wife, Josephine, above.</p>
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	<p>This building is one of the earliest commercial structures erected on Fourth Street and as such is representative of the migration of Peru's primary business district from Water to Fourth Street which took place during the 1890s. It provides a fine example of a frame false-front commercial structure; except for storefront alterations, it retains its original appearance. The building is located in a grouping of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial and residential structures of similar size and scale.</p>
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9. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>TOWN OF PERU HABS No. IL-312 (pg 226)</p>
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1925-27 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-1; frames 12,13



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	Owner: Rudolph Sorchych 1923 4th St., Peru	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1855
2. LOCATION 1923 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: Lot 7 block 26, Ninewah	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
		5. RATING Se-1

6. CONDITION

Good.

Massed plan, side gable, rectangular, two-and-a-half stories, randomly coursed sandstone with stuccoed five-bay facade. Gable roof covered with asphalt, interior end chimneys. Central, formerly transomed door; flanking one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows; similar, symmetrically-placed windows on second story; side windows with wood lintels and sills. Gable-roofed one-and-a-half-story brick addition to rear. Asphalt-sided, wood-frame shotgun house northeast of main structure; gable roof of asphalt, coursed fieldstone foundation. South-facing; located in what is now Peru's downtown commercial district, in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings.

This stone house dates from c. 1855. It was used as a dwelling throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, although in 1897 it also housed a barber shop. All of its dependencies, including the shotgun house, date from before 1888.

This mid-nineteenth-century house is among the last remnants of Fourth Street's original German settlement. Its historic significance is greatly enhanced by its rare sandstone construction and by the dependencies. The house retains its original appearance. It is located in a grouping of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century mixed-use commercial and residential buildings of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1923 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

p-1; frames 14, 15



Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868.

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Tavern)

2. LOCATION
1920 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
c. 1860

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence/delicatessen

5. RATING
C-2

6. CONDITION
good

Stone rubble foundation. Load-bearing stone construction. L-shaped one-story commercial building. Side gable roof, asphalt shingles. Asymmetrical four-bay fenestration, east to west: small plate-glass window, aluminum and glass door with gable hood, two plate-glass windows with lug sills. One-story, concrete-block addition with gable roof to west of main block with no openings. One-story addition with asbestos-shingle cladding simulating brick, front gable roof to south of main block. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Built c. 1860. Sometime during the nineteenth century, it housed the Stone Jug Tavern established in 1861. Between 1886 and 1909, Henry Toellen also operated a tavern in the building. Except during Prohibition when it was a restaurant, the building housed saloons through 1958. From 1960-62 it was vacant. Between 1963 and 1976 it was the Peru Dairy Bar. Since 1977 it has been run by the Ankiewicz family.

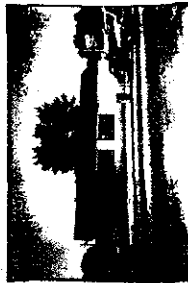
This is the only block on the south side of Fourth Street predominated by mid-nineteenth century structures. This one-story stone building was constructed c. 1860 during the biggest boom period in Peru's history. The population and prosperity of the town burgeoned as new industries and their employees established themselves here, often immigrant because of the I & M canal. The re-facing of this rare stone building detracts from its integrity. It is located on a corner lot.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1920 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-8 Frame 18



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	Owner: Howard and Joseph Flahaut 1913 4th St., Peru	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1868 and 1888
2. LOCATION 1917 Fourth Street Peru, Ill.	legal description: Lot 8 block 26, Ninewah	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / law offices
6. CONDITION Fair.		5. RATING Se-3

Rectangular, gable-fronted, two-story, stuccoed wood-frame building, two-bay facade. Gable roof covered with asphalt. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story. Ground floor altered with a pent roof of asphalt and the application of vertical wood siding; off-center metal doors. Coal bin on west half of facade. South-facing; located in Peru's commercial district, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings.

This residence-turned-commercial building was constructed between 1868 and 1888, and assumed a wide variety of uses throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In 1888 it housed a millinery; in 1892, a barber shop. In 1897 it served as a dwelling and a music store, while in 1905 it was occupied by E.F. and Mary Demesy and John and Pearl Stelle (aka Steele). Demesy was a miner, while Stelle operated an upholstery shop from the location. In 1909 the entire building was used as a hardware store.

This building provides a good example of the mid-nineteenth-century gable-front house. Its original appearance has been compromised by the alteration of its first floor and application of stucco. The structure represents the original residential character of Fourth Street before its commercialization in the 1890s. It is located in a grouping of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century mixed-use commercial and residential structures of similar size and scale.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

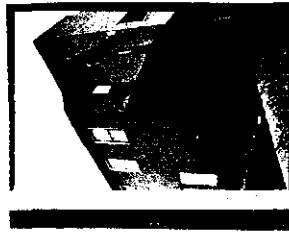
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1917 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-1; frame 16



Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1888 and 1892
2. LOCATION 1913 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) bakery, etc. / fitness center
owner: Howard & Joseph Flahaut 1913 Fourth St., Peru	5. RATING Ce-3
legal description: Lot 8 block 26, Ninewah	

6. CONDITION
 Good.

Two stuccoed, multi-story commercial buildings combined into one. Double and triple set of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story. Flat, metal roof, large metal display windows trimmed in mock mosaic, and stuccoed pillars on first floor. South-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures.

These commercial buildings were constructed between 1888 and 1892 on the site of an earlier wood-frame paint shop. In 1892 the buildings housed a bakery, and in 1897 a confectionery (west) and office (east). In 1906 the YMCA, Daily News Herald, and Twin Cities News Herald occupied the structures; in 1909 a "5¢ theatre" (west) and the News Herald Printing Office (east) were residents. The latter occupied the building until at least 1915; by 1926 the George Holst Variety was located there.

The permanent alterations to these buildings (stucco, removal of cornice, new fenestration) severely compromise their original appearance. The buildings now intrude strongly upon the historic character of their neighborhood, an area of mixed-use late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential and commercial structures of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1913 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-1; frame 17



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Peru Theatre	owner: Eugene Bernardi 1907 4th St. Peru, Ill. legal description: Lot 9 block 26, Ninewah	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1931
2. LOCATION 1911 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) theatre / vacant
		5. RATING En-1

6. CONDITION

Fair; deteriorating.

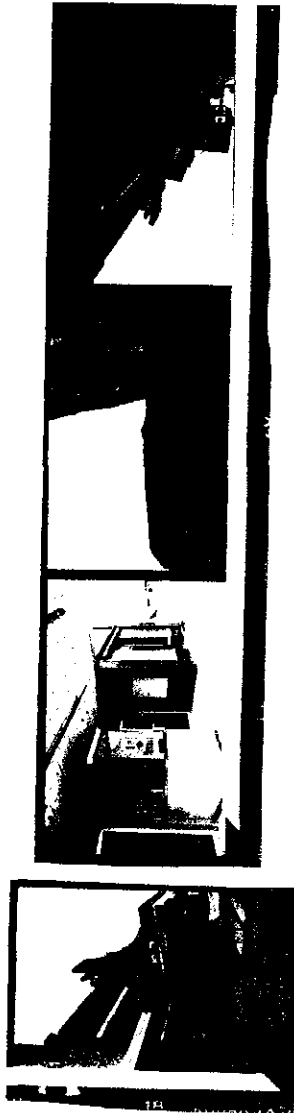
The central section of this rectangular, two-story brick commercial building features a stepped roofline trimmed in green tile. The roof proper is similarly adorned. Green tile also forms a continuous lintel for the second story's symmetrically placed, three-part windows with tile sills. Pilasters of undulating black tile divide the structure into thirds. The same material forms the underpanels for the storefronts which flank the central section and its quickly deteriorating marquee. The storefronts feature central, transomed entrances flanked by large display windows. This south-facing building is located near the center of Peru's downtown commercial district, in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century structures. The 1892 Turn Hall, Peru's opera house, was located directly east of the theatre before its demolition in the 1980s.

The Peru Theatre opened in January of 1931, at which time it featured the Marie Dressler film, "Politics". It continued operating until 1981, when it was abandoned. The building was constructed on the site of Peru's first Turnverein Halle.

This quickly deteriorating building is Peru's best example of Art Moderne architecture. It retains its original appearance. It represents Fourth Street's continued development through the first decades of the twentieth century, and is perhaps the most significant building from this era. It is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century mixed-use commercial and residential structures of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Peru Theatre

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-1; Frames 18, 19, 20, 21



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)

2. LOCATION
1910 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-nineteenth century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence, doctor's office/office,
apartment

5. RATING
Se-2

6. CONDITION good

Stone rubble foundation. Load-bearing stone construction. Two-story residential/commercial building. Side-gable roof, asphalt shingles, returned eaves, flatboard cornice, central chimney. Asymmetrical six-bay fenestration, east to west; recessed entry with aluminum door, plate-glass window, two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with stone lintels and lug sills, metal door with wooden surround, first floor. Six one-over-one double-hung sash windows with stone lintels and lug sills, second floor. One-story addition with front gable roof of main block. Detached one-story, two-car stuccoed garage with hipped roof. Fenestration on first floor of north facade has been altered: door at east has been replaced, paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows have been replaced by plate-glass window and brick. Two gable-end chimneys have been removed. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed during the mid-nineteenth century. During the late nineteenth century the east half of the house was owned by the Maze family, which owned a lumberyard on Water Street and is still one of Peru's most prominent families. The west half was owned by Dr. Hatten, who had an office directly to the west, which has since been torn down. Between 1905-13 the home was owned by the family of Frederick Dierks, city marshal of Peru in the early 1900s. From 1919-40 the home was owned by Edward Urba, an undertaker. Its other uses have included: a radio store and home (1945-65), lawyer's office (1976-80), and presently, the office of Edward D. Jones and Co., and the residence of Lee Hauptman.

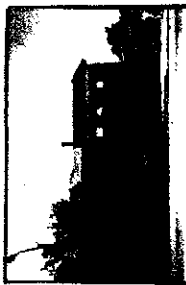
This is the only commercial block on the south side of Fourth Street with mostly mid nineteenth-century structures. The only intrusion on the integrity of the block is a prefabricated metal building directly west. This two-story house, one of Peru's rare examples of stone construction, was built when Peru was enjoying its biggest boom in population and prosperity. Many new businesses were opening here because of the I & M Canal. The house's first story has been slightly altered. It is located mid-block; to the east is an early frame house that also retains much of its integrity.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1910 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-8 Frame 16



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Washington House

2. LOCATION

1902 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. CONDITION

Good.

Brick foundation with concrete patching. Wood-frame structure, two-story, rectangular building with stucco cladding. Cross-gable roof, asphalt shingles, triangular pediment, cast iron with dentils and brackets. Two interior chimneys. Main (north) facade, six bays. Four-bay storefront on east end composed of central aluminum door with sidelights flanked by two plate-glass windows, aluminum door to west. Pent roof with asphalt shingles, west bays, two two-over-two double-hung sash windows. Six one-over-one double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds second floor. Detached one-story stuccoed garage with hip roof and asphalt shingles to southwest of main block. First-floor facade has been altered: metal front, paired wooden doors flanked by four-light plate glass windows. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Built mid-nineteenth century. Louisa Weberling used the building (known as Washington House) as a boarding house and restaurant between 1885-1909. Boarders paid \$5 per week for meals, lodging and laundry service. Alice McEnay ran the restaurant and boarding house here between 1911 and 1923. Henry J. Sittler had a restaurant between 1926 and 1945. Since 1951 the building has been a barber or beauty shop under the various owners. Roy's Barber Shop, which is located here now, opened in 1983.

This is the only block on the south side of Fourth Street with a majority of mid-nineteenth-century structures. This commercial building was constructed in the mid-nineteenth century -- the major boom period in Peru's history. New businesses were starting here because of the I & M canal and the town's population and prosperity were increasing rapidly. This building, which sits on a corner lot, retains much of its integrity despite alterations to the first-floor facade. To the east stand two older structures; prefabricated metal office building is located in the middle of the block.

4. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

mid-nineteenth century

5. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

saloon, boarding house/barber shop,
apartments

6. RATING

Ce-2

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Washington House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Louis Graf Carriage Works and Agricultural Implements	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1892-1897
2. LOCATION 1830 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) blacksmith/bait and tackle shop
	5. RATING Cm-2

6. CONDITION Good.

Smoothcut stone ashlar with brick foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story rectangular commercial building with glazed brick veneer. Flat roof, cast-iron cornice with dentils and brackets. Bell-roofed turret at northwest corner. Symmetrical main (north) facade, three bays: storefront framed with cast-iron cornice and pilasters, comprised of recessed entry with metal and glass door, blocked transom, flanked by two plate-glass windows with glass-block windows above and kickplates below. Two one-over-one windows with flat brick arches, second floor. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed between 1892 and 1897 by Louis Graf Carriage Works and Agricultural Implements on the site of his earlier wood-frame building. Between at least 1905 and 1917 the building housed J.E. Seepe's grocery store. From 1919 through 1923 Hundt Brothers owned the grocery store and Seepe sold cars. From 1926 to 1935 the building housed the offices of The Daily News Herald. Between 1938 and 1940 it was vacant. Since 1945 the building has been used for apartments and a sporting good store. The current owner, Tommy's Sporting Goods, has been located there since 1983.

This two-story brick commercial building is located in one of two blocks of the south side of Fourth Street with all pre-1915 structures. It was built in the 1890s, when Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. During the same time Fourth Street was replacing Water Street as Peru's primary commercial district. The building was a good example of Queen Anne-style architecture and retains much of its integrity. The building is located on a corner lot among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century structures of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Louis Graf Carriage Works

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	owner: Mokena Lodge 1820 State St. Peru, Ill.	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION before 1888
2. LOCATION 1827 Fourth Street Peru, Ill.	legal description: Lot 6 block 27, Ninewah	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) auto supply
		5. RATING Ce-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building with nine-bay facade and stretcher-bond facing. Denticulated brick cornice, parapet above. Asymmetrically placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with fixed transoms; segmental hoodmolds have been removed. Altered first floor with concrete facing, canted corner entrance with large square concrete-faced pillar, large panel of metal display windows. Neon signs: Mokena Lodge No. 24, I.O.O.F.; Lily Lodge No. 99. South-facing; corner lot in commercial district of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings.

This commercial building was constructed before 1888, although its appearance indicates later alterations. In 1888 it housed three unidentified stores; in 1892 (from west to east), dry goods, grocery, and cigar stores; in 1897, dry goods, grocery, boots and shoes. In 1905 Joseph Klamper, a tailor, occupied the structure. In 1909 the west side was vacant, the central section housed a confectionery, and the east side a 5¢ theatre. In 1915 the building housed August Weberling and Brothers' confectionery, a function it served until the 1950s.

Although this building retains its late nineteenth-century scale and fenestration, alterations have compromised its original appearance. The building is representative of the commercial development which took place on Fourth Street, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. It is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1827 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Louis Graf Carriage Works and Agricultural Implements	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892-7
2. LOCATION 1826 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) carriage maker/auto repair
	5. RATING Cm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. Two-story commercial building with brick and aluminum cladding. Flat roof with stepped parapet and stone coping. Rectangular stone or concrete name plate in frieze reads "19 J.E. Seepe 15". Main (north) facade fenestration east to west: band of four glass-block windows, second floor. Detached, two-car, one-story garage with aluminum siding and flat roof attached to house at 709 Fulton Street to south of main block. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Built between 1892 and 1897 for Louis Graf Carriage Works and Agricultural Implements on the site of his earlier frame dealership. Between 1905 and 1915, the building housed Nicholas Sausen's electrical shop, one of two electrical businesses in Peru, and a painting business. In 1915 the building was bought by J.E. Seepe, who remodelled it to house an auto dealership and garage. The building is still used as such. Its current owners, Halm's Motor Service, purchased it in 1945.

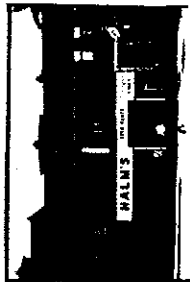
This two-story brick commercial building is located in one of the two blocks of the south side of Fourth Street with all pre-1915 structures. It was built in the 1890s, when Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by thriving industries. At the same time Fourth Street was replacing Water Street as Peru's primary commercial district. The building's main (north) facade was remodeled in 1915, but has integrity from that period. It is located mid-block, sandwich between buildings of the same scale; both have retained earlier facades than this building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Louis Graf Carriage Works

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Past and Present of La Salle County (Chicago: H.F. Kett Co, 1877), 305-14.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Christian Haas Building	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1889
2. LOCATION 1824 Fourth street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) furniture store/photography shop
	5. RATING Cm-2

6. CONDITION
Good.

Stone foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story, rectangular commercial building Flemish bond cladding. Flat roof, pedimented stepped gable parapet, cast-iron cornice with brackets and dentils and cast-iron nameplate above cornice reading "C. HAAS 1889." Storefront (north main facade) composed of asymmetrical fenestration east to west: plate-glass window, one-over-one fixed window, metal and plate glass door, plate-glass window, all with blocked transom, first floor. Clerestory, infilled with wood panelling. Second story has central one-over-one double-hung sash window flanked by four one-over-one double-hung sash windows, all with Italianate window hoods and slip sills. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed in 1889 by Christian Haas, who was born in Germany 1836 and moved to United States in 1845. Had lived in Peru since 1876. Between 1889 and 1932 the building housed furniture stores under various owners. Until then it contained various businesses including: a grocery store, meat market, liquor store, clothing shop, sheet metal company and printing firm. From 1963 to the present it has been owned by Bob John's Photography.

This two-story brick commercial building is located in one of the two blocks of the south side of Fourth Street with all pre-1915 structures. It was built in 1889, the end of the most significant boom period in Peru's history. Population and prosperity increased dramatically because many new businesses were establishing themselves because of the canal. This building is significant historically and architecturally. It was built by Christian Haas one of the town's earliest residents and most successful businessmen. Although it has been remodeled on the first floor, the second floor cornice form the best example of the Italianate style on Fourth Street. The building is located mid-block among other late nineteenth and early twentieth century structures of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Christian Haas Building

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Physicians' Mutual Insurance

owner: Mokena Lodge
1820 State St.
Peru, Ill.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
mid twentieth century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
insurance office

5. RATING
Cr-5

2. LOCATION

1821 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 7
block 27, Ninewah

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, one-story, concrete-block commercial building with three-bay facade. Flat roof with mansard-like projection and small cloth awning. Large metal display windows; transomed metal entrances on either end of facade. South-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures.

This building was constructed in the mid-twentieth century, replacing an earlier commercial/residential structure.

The massing, scale, and material of this mid-twentieth-century building make it a strong intrusion upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings of similar size and scale. Because of its recent construction, the building has minimal historical significance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Physicians' Mutual Insurance

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION
1820 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1898 and 1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
hardware store/tavern

5. RATING
Cm-4

6. CONDITION
Good.

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story, rectangular commercial building with pebble-dash (applied concrete pressed with stone) cladding. Flat roof. Main (north) facade has symmetrical fenestration east to west: plate-glass window, two-light aluminum store door, plate-glass window, one-light aluminum storm door, first floor; paired two-over-two double-hung sash windows to west, Chicago-style window to east, second story. Building has been altered: window openings shortened and windows replaced, pedimented stepped gable parapet removed. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed between 1898 and 1905. From 1905 to 1908 it housed Schomeger and Hoppler hardware store, and from 1909 to 1930, the Peru Post Office. In 1935 it was vacant. From 1938 to the present the building has been used as a tavern owned by Arthur Giese.

This two-story brick commercial building is located in one of the two blocks of the south side of Fourth Street with all pre-1915 structures. It was built between 1898 and 1905, when Peru was enjoying a period of steady growth in population and prosperity based on the town's thriving industries. The building has been entirely refaced and lacks integrity. It is located mid-block, sandwiched between two-story brick buildings constructed at roughly the same time; both have retained more architectural integrity.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1820 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Brucker's Hotel & Cafe

2. LOCATION

1819 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

Owner: William and Judith Chapman
2421 Shooting Park Rd., Peru

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

1897-1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

hotel / cafe

5. RATING

Cm-2

legal description: E 55'
lot 7 block 27, Ninewah

6. CONDITION

Good.

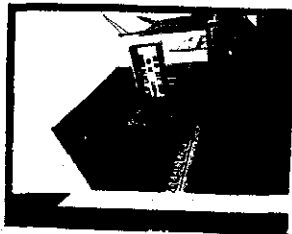
Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building with three-bay facade, front of buff-colored stretcher bond, sides of common bond. Cornice with brackets, dentils, garland-trimmed frieze. Paired one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows flanking a single, central window on the second floor; all with bracketed, pedimented lintels with garland motif. Central, recessed entrance; flanking display windows now stuccoed but shadows remain. Shadow of a side-gable, two-story building visible on west. South-facing; located in the heart of Peru's commercial district in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century structures.

This commercial building was constructed between 1897 and 1905 for Julius Brucker, replacing his earlier frame bakery, confectionery, and restaurant. The new building served the same functions, and also provided hotel rooms. Brucker's business occupied the site until at least 1935.

This building, with its simple cornice and fenestration, is representative of brick commercial architecture built on Fourth Street around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. Although its first floor has been altered, the building retains its original appearance. It is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Brucker's Hotel and Cafe

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Riviera Theatre

2. LOCATION

1818 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

Between 1909 and 1915

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

theatre/medical office and apartments

5. RATING

Em-3

6. CONDITION

good

Brick foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story rectangular commercial building, pebble-dash (applied concrete pressed with stones) cladding first floor, brick cladding second floor. Flat roof with stepped parapet and rounded cap. North (main) facade has central metal door flanked by two plate-glass windows with metal surrounds, one glass and metal door to west side, first floor. Central paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows, all with stone lug sills, second floor. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Brick building constructed between 1909 and 1915 to house the Riviera Theater, which became the Peru Theatre between 1926 and 1930, the Star Theatre in 1935, and the Alger Theatre between 1951 and 1958. Between 1932 and 1935, and 1940 and 1948, the building was vacant. At other times it housed an auction house, real estate office and apartments. Since 1963 the building has been used as a doctor's office and apartments. The current occupant, Mary Torasson, has been here since 1971.

This two-story commercial building is located in one of the two blocks of the south side of Fourth Street with all pre-1915 structures. It was built between 1909 and 1915, a time when Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. Although the second story of this modest building is basically intact, the first floor has been refaced with pebble dash, which detracts from its integrity. It is located mid-block and is flanked by nondescript commercial structures.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Riviera Theatre

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Hoscheit & Kobbemann Bldg.

owner: Rocky McKnight et al.

1817 4th St., Peru, IL

legal description: Lot 8

Block 27 Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1880-1888

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

health club / restaurant

5. RATING

Ce-2

2. LOCATION

1817 Fourth Street

Peru, Illinois

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building of common bond, re-faced in metal. Metal roof on bracketed metal posts over first floor, protected large panels of metal windows. One-over-one double-hung sash windows with segmental brick lintels visible in rear. South-facing; located in the heart of Peru's commercial district, an area of late nineteenth and early twentieth century structures.

This commercial building was constructed between 1880 and 1888 to house the Hoscheit and Kobbemann dry goods store. Hoscheit had established a dry goods on Water Street in 1872 in partnership with Charles Seepe, but this association had dissolved in 1880. Hoscheit and Kobbemann occupied the site until at least 1905, and Kobbemann alone until at least 1915. Fred Toellen's dry goods store was located here in 1926.

The re-facing of this building in metal has severely although reversibly compromised its architectural character. It now intrudes strongly upon the historic fabric of its neighborhood an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century brick commercial buildings of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Hoscheit & Kobbemann Bldg.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868.

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Edward Loekle's Meat Mkt. II	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1888
2. LOCATION 1813 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) meat market / bar
	5. RATING Cm-2

legal description: Lot 8
Block 27 Ninewah

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-story load-bearing brick commercial building of common bond. Facade re-sided in metal, fres-standing metal roof on bracketed metal brackets over first floor with panels of large metal display windows. Double and trsbled one-over-one double-hung sash windows visible on second atory of rear. South-facing; located in downtown commercial district of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century structures.

This commercial building was constructed in 1888 to house Edward Loekle's meat market. Loekle was born in Germany in 1828, and immigrated to the United States in 1849. He arrived in Peru and immediately entered the butchering profession, where he would work for more than 40 years. His first shop was located on the corner of Center and West Streets in a building that also served as a residence. Loekle and his family maintained both meat markets until at least 1926. From before 1915 until at least 1935 Matt Lemler operated a meat market from the site.

The re-facing of this building in metal has severely although reversibly compromised ita architectural character. It now intrudes strongly upon the historic fabric of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century brick commercial buildings of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Edward Loekle's Meat Mkt.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-1: Frame-26

"Old Clippings Reveal Story of Early Peru," Illinois Valley News-Tribune, June 20, 1985, p. 3.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1812 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

mid-nineteenth century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence/radiologist office

5. RATING

Se-3

6. CONDITION

good

Stone rubble foundation. Wood-frame structural system. One-story, rectangular commercial building with brick veneer on north (main) facade. Front gable roof with false front, asphalt shingles, central metal chimney. Asymmetrical fenestration main facade: recessed entry with aluminum storm door at west, double plate-glass window with stone lug sill at center. Building located on Peru's main commercial street, Main Street.

7. DESCRIPTION

Built mid-nineteenth century. In 1905-6 it was the residence of Edward Linnig, one of eight insurance dealers then in Peru. The building has had various uses since then including: Leonard DeGroot's saloon and house (1909-10), Syratto Brothers Shoe Makers, W.G. Yost cleaning and dyeing (1913), Nick Sausen electrical shop and Yost cleaning (1935), Peru Federal Savings and Loan Association (1938), Pinn & Brock Barbers (1940-45), William Sramek, Barber, and Bansberg Floor Covering (1915-69), Bill's Barber Shop and apartment (1971-7), Illinois Valley Travel (1982-85). Radiology Associates now use the building.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This one-story frame commercial building is located in one of the two blocks on the south side of Fourth Street that contains all pre-1915 structures. It was constructed in the mid-nineteenth century when Peru was enjoying the biggest boom period of its history. Many new businesses were establishing themselves here in large measure because of the canal. As a result, the town's population and prosperity were increasing rapidly. This building has been refaced, severely damaging its integrity. It is located mid-block; to the east is the First National Bank of Peru, to the west a re-faced two-story building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1812 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION

1811 Fourth St.
Peru, Illinois

owner: William Vlastnik
1809 4th St., Peru, IL
legal description: W 1/2
Lot a, Blk 27 Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1880

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

clothing store

5. RATING

Ce-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, two-story load-bearing building of common bond, refaced with metal. Flat metal roof over first floor with recessed entrance of white tile. Shallow gable roof and smallish one-over-one double-hung eash windows visible on rear. South-facing; located in downtown commercial district of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century etructures.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This commercial building was constructed c. 1880. From before 1888 until at least 1916 it housed a clothing and tailor shop. In 1905 the U.S. Clothing Company and a Dr. B.M. Etzler occupied the structure. By 1916 Edward Weiland's cigar manufacturing bueness had expanded into the second floor. From before 1926 until the present (Frank) Vlaetnik's Clothing Store has occupied the building.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

The re-facing of this building in metal has severely although reversibly compromised ite architectural character. It strongly intrudes upon the historic fabric of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century brick commercial buildings of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1811 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Bank)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1885
2. LOCATION 1808 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) harness shop, residence, tailor/bank
	5. RATING Cm-3

6. CONDITION

good

Stone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story, rectangular commercial building with coursed stone cladding on north facade. Flat roof with stepped parapet, cornice with dentils. Symmetrical main (north) facade: central double glass-and-metal doors with flat metal hood, flanked by four massive three-light fixed windows separated and framed by six Corinthian pilasters. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

Built before 1885. In the mid-1880s there were three separate buildings -- George Mueller had a saddle shop in the western building, Joseph Kobbermann (a resident of Peru since 1869 and a partner in the dry goods firm of Hoscheit and Kobbermann on Peoria Street) lived in the middle, and Andrew Schmidt used the eastern building for his shop and house. By 1897 A.M. Breuning had taken over the western two buildings for a cigar factory and the eastern building was an office. In 1909 the three buildings housed a saloon, cigar factory and barber shop. Fred J. Krumscheid owned the barbershop between 1905 and 1919. In the early 1920s his business was assumed by Pappernich & Kiefel. Peru State Bank took over all three buildings between 1924 and 1926, joined them together, bricked in the exterior walls, and added the stone facing currently on the building's main (north) facade. In 1935 the bank became the First National Bank of Peru. It is still located there.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This commercial structure stands in one of the two blocks on the south side of Fourth Street with all pre-1915 buildings. It is comprised of three smaller structures. The all predate 1885 -- the greatest boom period of Peru's history. This era is marked by significant increases in population and prosperity because of the I & M Canal. Although this building was created from three others, its monumental, Neo-Classical facade is significant and well maintained. The structure is located mid-block, flanked by altered commercial structures.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1808 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	owner: Norma M. Dresbach 1427 Sunset Dr. Peru, IL	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1880, c. 1910
2. LOCATION 1807 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: E 1/2 Lot 9 block 27 Ninewah	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) hardware store / appliance store
		5. RATING Ce-2

6. CONDITION

Very good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick commercial building with common bonding. Wide cornice with modillions, unadorned frieze, fluted end brackets. Symmetrically placed one-over-one double-hung sash windows with soldier-coursed brick lintels and stone lug sills on second, third stories. First floor faced in coursed, smooth-faced ashlar. Recessed double door wood entrance and large display windows. South-facing; located in Peru's commercial district, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century structures.

This commercial building was constructed before 1888; during that year it housed a hardware store with tin ceiling. In 1892 and 1897 the structure housed a hardware store with metal tin shop addition in rear. Edward Weiland and /or his cigar manufacturing shop occupied the building from 1904 until at least 1935.

This apparently re-faced building, with its simple cornice and fenestration, copies brick commercial architecture built on Fourth Street around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. Although its first floor has been altered, the building retains good integrity. It is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures of similar size and scale.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1807 Fourth St.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM NO)

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NAME NO. AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Hoerner Building

Owner: Hugh L. and Ruth Currie
R.R.1, Peru

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
1902

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
offices / drugstore

5. RATING
Cn-2

2. LOCATION
1801-1805 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 10,
block 27, Ninewah

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building with four-bay facade and stretcher bonding. Hexagonal frame corner turret with tent roof, decorative panels of carved blocks and wide, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with shouldered lintels. "Hoerner 1902" in garland-trimmed frieze. Similar frieze with brackets for roof proper. Single, narrow one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with brick lintels and stone lug sills on second story; also, three-sided oriels with windows like those in the tower. First floor altered with metal, wood siding over transoms and display windows; canted corner remains. South-facing; located on a corner lot in Peru's downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed in 1902 for Henry Hoerner, prominent local businessman and industrialist. Hoerner was yard master for the Illinois Central Railroad from 1872 until 1881, when he purchased controlling interest in the Union Brewing Company (whose name was changed to the Star Union Products Company in 1927) which had been established in 1845. In 1893 Hoerner owned two-thirds of the company's stock. In 1931 he passed the company over to his son and daughter. Hoerner also served as mayor of Peru in 1888-89, 1898-1900, 1903-07 and 1909-1911. In 1905 the west side of the building housed the Peru State Bank and Peru Farmer Insurance Corporation; the central section housed Widman and Loekle Insurance, the Businessmen's Club, and Hochguertel and Mosbach, barbers; the east side housed Henry Helmig and Company, law and real estate, Dr. Otto Balensiefer, William Herbold, saloon operator, Unity Building Workman's Association, and the Peru Building Association. Similar organizations and businesses were located at the site in 1915. By 1926 the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company occupied the first floor. The site itself is of historical significance as the location of Conrad Eickenfelder's saloon, one of the businesses which established the Four Corners, commonly considered the heart of Peru's downtown district, as early as 1857 or before.

This building is a good example of Queen Anne-style commercial architecture and representative of brick commercial architecture built on Fourth Street around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. The building was constructed as part of the Four Corners, the architectural focal point of the downtown area. Although its first floor has been altered, the structure maintains much of its original appearance. Its significance is enhanced by its long association with Henry Hoerner, prominent local industrialist and nine-time mayor of Peru. The building is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures of similar scale and size.

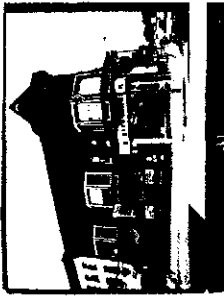
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Hoerner Building

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Charles Nadler Drugstore

2. LOCATION

1800 Fourth Steet
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

Between 1898 and 1909

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

drugstore/law offices

5. RATING

Cm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Foundation unknown. Load-bearing brick building. Two-story, rectangular shape with clipped northeast corner, coursed stone cladding. Flat roof. Main (north) facade, four-bay asymmetrical fenestration: central recessed double metal and glass doors flanked by decorative stone columns and two bands of five plate glass windows, metal and glass door to west, first floor; symmetrical second-floor fenestration with four pairs of one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Clipped corner has pairs of fixed one-over-one windows on first and second floors. Building has been significantly altered: long plate-glass windows with lug sills and arched doorway have been replaced on first floor, two oriels on second floor and turret on northeast corner have been removed. Commercial building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Raith's drugstore, a stone and frame structure fronting on Peoria Street, was torn down between 1897 and 1909 to make way for the current brick building. Between 1905 and 1935 the building housed drugstores, first owned by Charles Nadler, then by the Helmig family. In 1940 the building was taken over by Peru Federal Savings and Loan Association, which remodeled it extensively. When the bank moved to its present location at 1730 Fourth Street in 1962, the building was assumed by lawyers James and Francis Duncan.

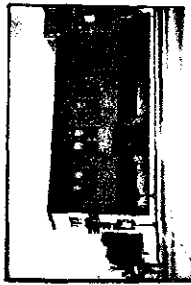
This commercial building stands in one of the two blocks on the south side of Fourth Steet with buildings all constructed before 1915. This structure was built between 1892 and 1909, when Peru was enjoying a period of steady growth fueled by thriving industries. It was completely remodeled in 1940, and lacks all architectural integrity. The structure sits on a corner lot; directly west is the massive First National Bank of Peru.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Charles Nadler Drugstore

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Peru Federal Savings

2. LOCATION

1730 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1960 and 1963

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

bank

5. RATING

Cr-5

6. CONDITION

Good.

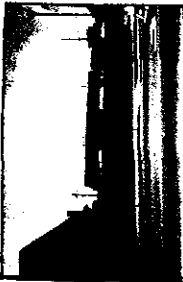
Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. One-story rectangular commercial building with polished marble cladding. Flat roof with raised concrete section on north facade set with five plate-glass windows. Symmetrical main (north) facade with paired glass doors flanked by two plate-glass windows. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Peru Federal Savings building constructed between 1960 and 1963. Earlier the site had been Aaron's Grocery Store, Speber & Linnig Shoe Store and Will Wolt's tavern; the building that housed those businesses was torn down in 1909.

This one-story brick building was constructed in the early 1960s when Peru was beginning a slight recovery from the economic downturn that had plagued it through the 1930s, 1940s, and much of the 1950s. It sits on a corner lot; to the east are six older structures.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Peru Federal Savings

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-8 Frame 6



W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

August Bulfer Hotel

owner: City of Peru

2. LOCATION

1727-1729 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 6

Block 28 Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1868-1888

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

travel agency, city offices

5. RATING

Ce-Z

6. CONDITION

Very good.

This rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building with four-bay facade of stretcher bond features a hexagonal frame corner. Turret with finial-capped, segmental bell-shaped roof, decorative carved panels (zigzag and block patterns) and one-over-one double-hung sash window on its second story. Similar windows appear on the upper floor of the building proper. The south side of the structure features a corbelled roofline, projecting panels of zigzagged brick and a concrete belt course. The first floor has lost its transom but retains its canted corner entrance; large display windows have also been added. The east side of the first floor also features a recessed entrance with distyle in antis columns of Ionic order supporting a full pediment. The entrance is flanked by doorways in which consoles support full entablatures with garland-enriched friezes. This building faces south, and is located in the heart of Peru's downtown commercial district, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century construction.

7. DESCRIPTION

The core of this commercial building may have been constructed before 1868, although numerous additions and alterations have made an exact determination impossible. Sanborn Maps from 1888 through 1916 indicate a two-story brick building; through 1909 a stone wing is pictured on the rear. An early photograph depicts a building with modest Italianate detailing; by the turn of the century, the present Queen Anne face has appeared. By 1857 August Bulfer had established a grocery store on the site; Bulfer family enterprises remained here through at least 1935. In 1888 the Bulfers operated a general store and barbershop; in 1892 a hotel with dining room and kitchen (the latter located in the stone wing); 1897 a saloon (west) and grocery store (east); in 1909 a saloon (west) and boots and shoemaker (east). Conrad Bulfer operated a drug store from the location until at least 1935.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a good example of Queen Anne-style commercial architecture and is representative of brick commercial architecture built on Fourth Street around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. The building was constructed as part of the Four Corners, the architectural focal point of the downtown. Although its first floor has been altered, the structure retains good integrity. Its significance is enhanced by its association with August Bulfer, prominent local businessman. It is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

August Bulfer Hotel

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Bird's-Eye View of Peru, 1868.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Letterkraft Printers, Inc.

Owner: Pebo Hardware
1713 4th St., Peru

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
1938

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
printing

5. RATING
C1-4

2. LOCATION
1723-25 Fourth Street
Peru, Ill.

legal description: E 10'
Lot 6, lot 7, block 28, Ninewah

6. CONDITION
Good.

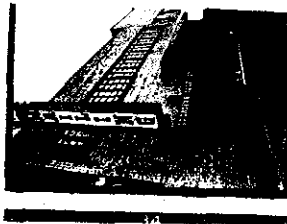
Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick commercial building, with four-bay facade. Buff-colored, common-bond brick facade with band of multi-pane casement windows on second story. Recessed double, metal entrance doors on west side of first-floor facade; large metal display windows. South-facing; located in Peru's downtown commercial district.

This mid-twentieth-century building replaced an earlier commercial structure destroyed by fire in 1958.

Although the large band of second-story windows is somewhat overwhelming and unbalanced, the massing, scale, and materials of this mid-twentieth-century building allow it to blend with the historic fabric of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures of similar size and scale. It neither contributes to nor detracts from its surroundings. Because of its recent construction, the building has minimal historic significance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Letterkraft Printer, Inc.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
William Facer Bakery

2. LOCATION
1722 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1923-6

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
bakery/lawyers office

5. RATING
Cn-3

6. CONDITION
Good.

Foundation not visible. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story, rectangular commercial building with aluminum siding first floor, brick on second floor. Flat roof. Main (north) facade, asymmetrical fenestration east to west: metal and glass door, plate-glass window, metal and glass door, band of five plate-glass windows, first floor; four one-over-one double-hung sash windows with stone lug sills, second floor. Decorative glazed brick on parapet and along sides of facade. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Built in conjunction with the Peter Edwards Funeral Home (1720 Fourth Street) between 1923 and 1926 to house William Facer's bakery. Between 1928 and 1930 it was occupied by Soedler's hardware; then Harry Hundt's men's clothing store in 1932. Between 1938-1980 the building held two businesses. The eastern half housed Hollywood Dress Shop (1938-48), Mode O'Day Frock Shop (1951), Patko Office Equipment (1954), Nu-Style Dress Shop (1956-69), Wolf's Vibrations Washers and Dryers (1976-8). The western half housed: dentist John Posma (1938-48), Hurley Sporting Goods (1956-73), Customized Services Janitor Supplies (1976-78). In 1980-81 Customized Services Janitor Supply operated out of the entire building. In 1982 the current occupants, Helmig & Schweickert Lawyers, located here.

This commercial building was constructed between 1923 and 1926 with the two buildings directly east during a time when Peru continued to enjoy the steady growth in population and prosperity provided by thriving industries. The building has been well-maintained and retains much of its architectural integrity. To the west is a one-story bank building constructed in the early 1960s that detracts from the historic character of the block.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1722 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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<p>1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Peter Edwards Funeral Parlor & Residence</p> <p>2. LOCATION 1720 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois</p>	<p>3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1923 and 1926</p> <p>4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) funeral home / residence</p> <p>5. RATING Cn-3</p>
<p>6. CONDITION Good.</p> <p>Concrete and brick foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Three-story, rectangular commercial building with brick cladding. Flat roof with stepped parapet and stone coping. Main (north) facade, five-bay fenestration east to west: two-panel metal door, paired four-over-one double-hung sash windows with Tudor-arch transom and wooden surround, metal and glass door (main entry) with cloth awning shelter, four-over-one double-hung sash window with tudor arch transom and surround, first floor. Central paired five-over-one fixed windows flanked by two three-bay oriels with one-over-one double-hung sash windows under shingled pent roof, second floor. Three three-over-one-light windows with stone lintels and lug sills, third floor. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.</p> <p>Peter Edwards, and undertaker, constructed the building as a funeral parlor between 1923-6. Edwards occupied the building until 1940, when he sold the operation to Weents Funeral Chapel. Edwards continued to live in an apartment on the premises until 1956, when Elias Chapel Funeral Directors assumed the building. In 1982 the business became the Elias-Hurst Funeral Chapel.</p> <p>This well-maintained brick building was constructed between 1923 and 1926 -- a time in which Peru continued to enjoy the growth in population and prosperity provided by many thriving industries. It is located mid-block; to the east is another two-story brick building constructed at the same time. The structure, however, has not retained its integrity to the degree of its mate. To the west is another two-story building. This modest, altered structure does detract from the block.</p>	

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Peter Edwards Funeral Parlor

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
Frank R. Daft house	between 1923 and 1926
2. LOCATION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
1714 Fourth Street	residence
Peru, Illinois	5. RATING
	Sn-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Brick foundation. Load-bearing brick structural system. Two-story, rectangular commercial building with aluminum siding first story, brick veneer on second story. Flat roof, central brick chimney. Asymmetrical fenestration: triple plate-glass window to east, double plate-glass doors to west, first floor; two paired one-over-one double-hung sash window with stone lintels and lug sill, second floor. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed between 1923 and 1926 for Frank B. Daft, who owned a men's clothing store. Between 1930-66 the building was used as a bakery and house. From 1969-85 the building was used as a copy shop. It now houses a dentist office.

This two-story brick building, a modest example of mid twentieth-century architecture, was constructed between 1923-6, when Peru was enjoying prosperity fueled by many thriving industries. The second story has not been altered, but the first floor has been clad with aluminum siding severely damaging its architectural integrity. The building is located mid-block; to the east is one-story frame building dating from before 1888, to the west a larger mid twentieth-century brick building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Frank R. Daft House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-10 Frames 11 & 12



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	Owner: Pebo Hardware 1713 Fourth St. Peru, Ill. Legal description: Lot 8 block 28, Ninewah	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1897 and 1905
2. LOCATION 1713 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) clothing store / hardware store
		5. RATING Cm-2

6. CONDITION

Good

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building with four-bay facade and stretcher-bond face. Symmetrically-placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story. Metal roof on bracketed metal posts over first floor, which has large metal display windows and stucco trim. South-facing; located in Peru's commercial district, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century construction.

This building was constructed between 1897 and 1905, at which time it housed a clothing store. It appears to have been re-faced in new brick in the mid-twentieth-century.

Although it has been re-faced in modern brick, this building is representative of brick commercial architecture built on Fourth Street in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, a time of prosperity for Peru which coincided with migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. Its first floor has been altered, but the building retains its original fenestration. It is located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century brick commercial buildings of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1713 Fourth Street

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1712 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

mid-nineteenth century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence/insurance company

5. RATING

Se-3

6. CONDITION

good

Foundation not visible. Wood-frame structural system. One-story, rectangular commercial building with concrete formstone simulating brick cladding. Gable roof, false front. Symmetrical main (north) facade, four bays with central aluminum-and-glass doors flanked by two plate-glass windows. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

House built during the mid-nineteenth century, but was converted into a warehouse by 1892. By 1897 a wall had been constructed dividing the building into a residence and commercial space. Between 1905 and 1915 the house was occupied by Aaron Hooper, a police magistrate who had been a wagonmaster in 1886, and the business used by C. Weissenberger, who sold agricultural implements and seed. C. Weissenberger was the widow of Louis Weissenberger, who came to Peru before 1876 to work at the plow factory and opened an agricultural implements business at the corner of Putnam and Fourth streets in 1882. Between 1917 and 1965 the building housed several businesses including a laundry, plumbers, dairy store, milliners, electrical shop, and shoe repair shop. The current occupant, Henry Hackman Insurance, has been here since 1965.

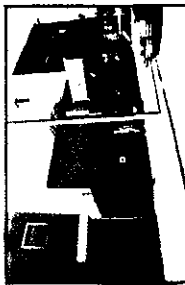
The refacing of this house has severely compromised its architectural integrity. It was constructed during the boom period that followed the canal construction. It sits mid-block, sandwiched between larger, more modern buildings.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1712 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-10 Frames 9 & 10



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Charles Seepe & Sons Bldg.	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1896; between 1897 and 1906
2. LOCATION 1709-1713 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) masonic temple, various retail / clothing and hardware store
Owner: St. John's Lodge #13 4th St., Peru	5. RATING Cn-2
6. CONDITION Good.	7. DESCRIPTION

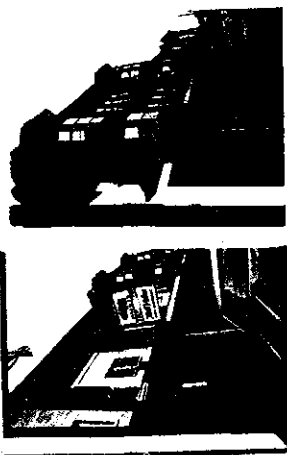
This very large, rectangular, load-bearing brick building, faced in stretcher bond of very narrow, long bricks, is divided into two highly distinctive sections. The western, two-story section features a bracketed cornice and polychromatic brick frieze with diamond patterning. Two of its four bays of second-story one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows have been bricked in and made smaller. The first floor features large metal display windows with stucco trim and underpanels, protected by a metal roof on bracketed metal posts. The three-story, eastern section sports a similar cornice and frieze. Additionally it features arched double-hung sash windows with fixed transoms on its third story, and a quadruple set of double-hung sash windows with oversized brick lintels on its second story. These windows are flanked by metal, two-story oriels with flat roofs, narrow one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows, and carved panels of garlands and blocks. The first floor has been altered by metal display windows protected by a flat metal roof on bracketed metal posts. South-facing, this building is located in the heart of Peru's downtown commercial district.

The east side of this building was constructed in 1896 and the west between 1897 and 1906. The east side housed a dry goods store (first floor), offices (second), and Masonic Temple (third) in 1897 and 1909. The west section housed a dry goods store (first) and offices (second) in 1909. Charles Seepe moved his dry goods business from Water Street to this building upon its construction. Seepe had started in the dry goods business at age 14 (1856), clerking in many area stores. In 1872 he became a partner in Seepe and Hoscheit. When the latter retired in 1880, Seepe assumed full ownership. The firm, which was later called Charles Seepe and Sons, ceased operations in 1930. In 1935 the structure was occupied by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.

The building is a very good example of Queen Anne-style commercial architecture built around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. Although its first floor has been altered, the structure retains much of its integrity, and remains the largest of Peru's ornate local commercial structures. The building's importance is enhanced by its long association with many organizations, physicians, lawyers, and especially with the dry goods firm of Charles Seepe and Sons, located here for more than twenty years. The building is located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial structures of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Charles Seepe & Sons Bldg.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-1; Frame 36 P-3; Frame 3



Peru, Illinois, Centennial (Peru, 1935).

John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Office of Tadge Jagelski, Chiropractor	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1956 and 1958
2. LOCATION 1706 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) chiropractor/optometrist
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cr-4

Concrete-block foundation and structural system. Rectangular, two-story commercial building with running-bond brick veneer. Flat roof with parapet. Asymmetrical fenestration on main (north) facade, east to west: plate-glass window, aluminum storm door, central plate-glass window, recessed entry with circular support with sheltering storm door and fixed block window, first floor. Small central one-over-one double-hung sash window flanked by four one-over-one double-hung sash windows, second floor. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed between 1956 and 1958 by chiropractor Tadge Jagelski. It was vacant in 1960. Between 1962 and 1972 half of the building was a beauty shop, the other half offices for lawyers and doctors. In 1971 the current owner, optometrist Kenneth Sack, moved into half of the building, and in 1973, assumed the entire structure.

This modest, modern commercial building is an intrusion upon the historic fabric of downtown Peru. It was built in the mid-1950s, when the city was beginning to recover from the depression of the 1930s. The building is sandwiched between smaller and older buildings both built before 1888 but radically altered.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

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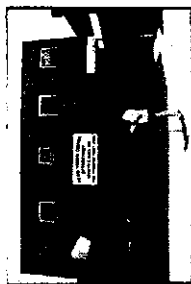
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Office of Tadge Jagelski

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION
1701 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

owner: Rocky & Susan McKnight
2232 Fifth Street
Peru, Ill.
legal description: Lot 10
block 28, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1906 and 1909

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
clothing, dry goods / antique store

5. RATING
Cn-2

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick commercial building with stretcher bond. Hexagonal corner turret of metal, flared tent roof with brackets and one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Two three-sided oriels with panels of carved garlands and one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Bracketed cornice across oriels and building proper, parapet above, stepped parapet over oriels. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with oversized, keystone brick lintels flank oriels. Metal siding over first floor transoms, metal roof across all metal display windows with vitrolite underpanels. Stuccoed second story on east side has one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. South-facing; located on a corner lot at the eastern end of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed between 1906 and 1909. In the later year it housed clothing (west) and dry goods (east) stores. From before 1915 until at least 1940, Walther Drug occupied the first floor, with various physician's offices located on the second floor.

The building is a good example of Queen Anne-style commercial architecture built around the turn of the century, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. Although its first floor has been altered, the structure retains much of its integrity. The building's importance is further enhanced by its association with Walther Drug Store, a prominent local establishment. It is located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1701 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-3; frame 4



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1886
2. LOCATION 1700 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) hardware store/restaurant
	5. RATING Ce-3

6. CONDITION good	7. DESCRIPTION Stone rubble foundation. Frame structural system. Rectangular, one-story commercial building with aluminum siding. Front-gable asphalt roof with false front, parapet with asphalt shingling. Symmetrical fenestration main (north) facade with central plate-glass door and sidelight flanked by two plate-glass windows. One-story, flat-roofed addition to west of main block, three bays wide: two plate-glass windows east and center, plate-glass door with transom to west. Located on Peru's main commercial street.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA Building predates 1886. It was used as a hardware store in 1888, and John Schaulin's cigar factory between 1905 and 1913 after it moved from its location at the corner of 3rd and Peoria. Other used have included: electric shop (1913-22), Helen Bulfer millinery shop (1926-30), Peru News Agency (1932), Peter Diamond Fruit (1935), Illinois-Iowa Power Co. (1938-40), Texas Lunch Restaurant (1945), Harmony Cafe (1948-62), Old House Restaurant (1965-6), Johnny's Donut Shop (1969-72), Colonial Restaurant (1976), Cookery Restaurant (1977), Peru Pizza House (1978-present).	9. SIGNIFICANCE This frame structure has been radically altered and has no architectural integrity. It is an intrusion on its block in the heart of Peru's commercial district although constructed during a boom period of Peru's history in which the town's population and prosperity were burgeoning because of the I & M Canal. It sits on a corner lot in an are of predominately late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1700 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Kroger's Grocery Store

2. LOCATION

1622 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1946 and 1948

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

grocery store/computer store

5. RATING

Cr-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. One-story rectangular building with glazed running-bond brick on the bottom, vertical wood paneling on top half of the building. Asymmetrical fenestration main (north) facade, five bays, east to west: one one-over-one double-hung sash window, on metal store door, two plate glass windows, each with four lights, one double glass door with transom. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building was constructed between 1946 and 1948 to house Kroger's Grocery Store, replacing a frame house built by Patrick Donahue, a blacksmith, before 1875. The current building remained a grocery store through 1972. It was vacant briefly, then was taken over by several community organizations and a sports store. The structure has been a computer store since 1982.

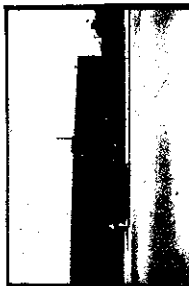
This concrete building and its next-door neighbor are the only structures on this block in the heart of Peru's commercial district. Both buildings were constructed between 1946 and 1948 -- an era in which Peru still suffered from the Depression -- and both intrude upon the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century fabric of Fourth Street. This building sits on the western half of the block.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Kroger's Grocery Store

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Peru Motor Co.

2. LOCATION

1612 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1946 and 1948

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

auto company/sheet metal business

5. RATING

Cr-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

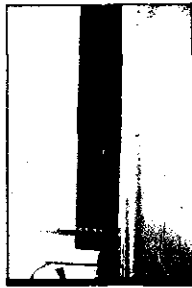
Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. One-story, rectangular commercial building with glazed running bond. Flat roof, brick chimney at southwest corner. Asymmetrical fenestration on main (north) facade, eleven bays, east to west: one horizontal circular window, aluminum door, two garage doors, a band of six plate-glass windows, aluminum doors. Building located on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed between 1946 and 1948 by Peru Motor Co., which used the building through 1973. Between 1976 and 1983 the building was owned by Mahoneys AMC Jeep. It was taken over by the current owner, Chapman's Sheet Metal, in 1984.

This concrete-block building and the one next to it are the only structures on this block in the heart of Peru's commercial district. Both buildings were constructed between 1946 and 1948 -- an era in which Peru was still suffering from the effects of the depression of the 1930s. This building sits on the eastern half of the block.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Peru Motor Co.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Henry Linnig Building

2. LOCATION
1609 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

owner: Louis Olivero
1433 Plain St.
Peru, Ill.

legal description: Lot 9
block 29, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
1902

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
jewelry store / law offices

5. RATING
Cn-2

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building with three-bay facade and stretcher-bond face of buff brick. Parapet roofline with decorative, recessed brick panels and plain cornice. Symmetrically-placed, three-sided wooden oriels with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows and carved underpanels on the second floor. Western half of first-floor facade has been re-bricked, with off-center entrance and two fixed-pane windows; eastern half has recessed entrance with formerly transomed, flanking display windows. South-facing; located at eastern end of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed in 1902 to house Henry Linnig's jewelry store. It served this capacity until at least 1926. By 1940 Ida Weldon, a public stenographer, occupied the building.

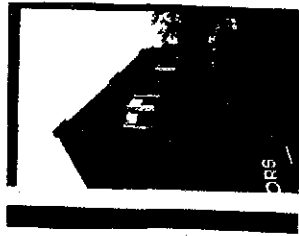
The building is a good example of turn-of-the-century commercial architecture and is representative of a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. Although its first floor has been altered, the structure retains much of its original appearance. The building's importance is enhanced by its construction for and long association with the Linnig family, prominent local jewelers. It is located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Henry Linnig Bldg.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Illinois Valley Chapter The American Red Cross	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-twentieth century
2. LOCATION 1605 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) offices
	5. RATING Cr-5

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, one-story, concrete-block building with flat roof. Formstone-faced. Recessed, off-center entrance (west side), and double picture window with metal trim. South-facing; located at eastern end of downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed in the mid-twentieth century.

Because of its size, scale and materials, this building is a strong intrusion upon its historic neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings of similar size, scale and materials. The structure lacks historical significance.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Illinois Valley Chapter, The American Red Cross

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION
1603 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

owner: The American Red Cross
1605 4th Street
Peru, Ill.
legal description: Lot 10
block 29, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1905 and 1915

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
grocery / restaurant

5. RATING
Ch-3

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing brick building with two-bay facade and stretcher-bond face and common-bond sides. Simple cornice with end brackets. Two symmetrically-placed, three-sided oriels with deniticated cornices and one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Central, recessed, first-story entrance with large, formerly transomed, flanking display windows. Transomed entrance to second story on east side of facade. South-facing; located at eastern end of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed between 1909 and 1915. In the latter year it housed J.W. Breuning's grocery store, a function it served until at least 1935.

With its blocky massing and simple cornice and fenestration, this building is representative of turn-of-the-century commercial architecture, a period of prosperity for Peru which coincided with the migration of commercial activity from Water to Fourth Street. Although its first floor has been altered, the building retains good integrity. It is located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1603 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-3; Frame 7



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Peru Interurban Station	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1897 and 1905
2. LOCATION 1601 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) inter-urban station / bar
6. CONDITION Fair.	5. RATING T1-4

legal description: Lot 10
block 29, Ninewah

Rectangular, one-story wood-frame commercial building with shed roof. Front sided with rough, vertical wood boards. Pent roof over central, first-floor entrance. Half-timbered effect on stuccoed east side, boarded-up windows. South-facing; located on a corner lot at the eastern edge of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed between 1897 and 1905. It housed the Post Office in 1905 and the Interurban Station in 1909. By 1915 the structure served as the C.O. and P. waiting room and Wells Fargo office; by 1926 it was the site of the Illinois Traction System and John Gilbert's restaurant. By 1940 the building itself was called the Interurban Restaurant.

The building's re-facing in stucco and timber obliterates its architectural integrity. As it now stands, the building is a severe intrusion upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings of similar size, scale and massing. More research should be conducted to determine further historical significance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Peru Interurban Station

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-3; frame 8



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Social Security Office	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1971
2. LOCATION 1530 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) offices of Social Security Administration
5. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Pr-4

Concrete foundation. Structural system unknown. One-story, rectangular building with common-bond brick exterior. Flat roof. Main (north) facade has recessed entry at west with double glass-and-metal doors flanked by plate-glass windows. Six three-light windows with projecting concrete surrounds simulating arcades to east. Located in commercial area on Peru's main commercial street.

Building constructed in 1971 to house the Social Security Administration's local office. The previous building on the site was Peru's police headquarters and No. 1 Fire Station. Those offices were moved across the street in 1503 Fourth Street in 1969.

When this brick-veneered building was constructed in 1971, Peru was experiencing an era of slightly increasing population and prosperity although it has never regained the prosperity it enjoyed before the depression of the 1930s. The building sits on a corner lot. The other structure on this block in the heart of Peru's commercial district is the post office building, constructed in 1932, which sits to the east.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Social Security Office

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-6 Frame 29



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Peru Police & Fire Station	Owner: City of Peru	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1967; 1982
2. LOCATION 1503 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: Lots 8, 9, 10, block 30, Ninewah	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) police / fire station
		5. RATING Pr-4

6. CONDITION

Very good

Rectangular, one-story building of masonry construction with stretcher-bond brick veneer. Shallow gable roof of metal fronting on street. Symmetrically placed, fixed windows with white metal overpanels. Pedestrian entrance of metal doors on west side; double, vehicular entrance with metal garage doors on east side. Rectangular, two-story addition of masonry construction with stretcher-bond brick veneer to rear (north). Five symmetrically-placed vehicular entrances with large metal doors, first story, east side; symmetrically placed, casement windows with large transoms on second floor, east side. South-facing; located at the eastern edge of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This building was constructed in 1967, replacing an 1890 brick structure on the opposite side of the street. Its large addition was made in 1982. On June 25, 1873, the Liberty Fire Company #1 was organized in Peru.

Although associated with an important governmental function of great historical interest, the size, scale and massing of this building make it a strong intrusion upon the historic character of downtown Peru, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century construction. Its addition, a two-story brick-faced building with mock buttresses and regular fenestration, relates much more harmoniously to the surrounding buildings.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Peru Police and Fire station

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-3; frames 10, 11



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

U.S. Post Office

2. LOCATION

1500 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

1932

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

post office

5. RATING

Pm-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Smooth limestone coursed ashlar foundation. Stone masonry construction. Roughly rectangular shape. Neo-Classical style. Canted northeast corner. One-and-a-half stories, limestone cladding. Flat roof with hip over northeast entry. Center octagonal cupola. Interior stone chimney at southwest. Recessed doorway at northeast corner framed by two piers and two pilasters, central double aluminum-and-glass doors with fixed sixteen-light window above, flanked by sixteen-over-sixteen double-hung sash windows. North and south facades each have three massive sixteen-over-sixteen double-hung sash windows. Located in commercial area on Peru's main commercial street.

Building which still houses Peru's post office was built in 1932. It was designed under the direction of James Wetmore, Supervising Architect for the U.S. Treasury Department. Among his many buildings, Wetmore also presided over the design of a post office in Morris, Illinois, erected about the same time in 1932.

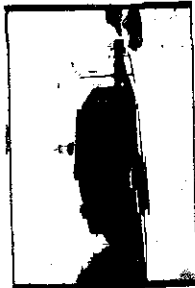
This building was constructed in 1932--an era in which Peru was experiencing a decline in population and prosperity from which it has never recovered. This massive stone structure, an outstanding local example of the Neo-classical style, was the major building constructed in Peru during the depression of the 1930s. James Wetmore, Supervising Architect of the U.S. Treasury Department, directed its design. (Wetmore also supervised the design of the post office building in Morris, Illinois, erected in the same year. See 1985 HABS/HAER card of U.S. Post Office, Morris.) It is one of two buildings located on the block. It sits on the eastern corner, to the west is the Social Security building which was constructed in 1971. That building, which is more modern, smaller in scale, and different in style, detracts from the integrity of this one.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

U.S. Post Office

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-6 Frame 28



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Amoco Gasoline Station	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1970
2. LOCATION 1500 Block. north side, Fourth St. Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) gasoline station
	5. RATING Cr-5

6. CONDITION

Good.

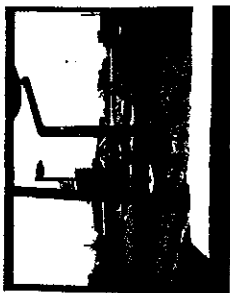
Rectangular, one-story, metal-frame building with stretcher-bond brick veneer. Mock mansard roof with gabled service bays. Large metal display windows. Two pumping stations. South-facing; located at the eastern edge of Peru's commercial district.

This building was constructed c. 1970.

The size, scale and materials of this building and its encumbrances make it a severe intrusion upon the historic fabric of downtown Peru, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century two-story brick commercial buildings of similar scale and massing. The structure lacks historical significance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Amoco Gasoline Station

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE First Congregational Church	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1967
	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) church
2. LOCATION 1431 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	5. RATING Hr-4

6. CONDITION Very good.	7. DESCRIPTION Large, rectangular, one-story building of masonry construction with stretcher-bond brick veneer and brick quoining. Gable-fronted roof covered with asphalt, with pediment and triglyph frieze; attached pedimented gable similarly trimmed. Square tower with octagonal belfry and prominent steeple. Large, L-shaped one-story wing of masonry construction with stretcher bond brick veneer, gable and flat roof, brick quoins, and central, recessed double-hung sash windows and metal entrances attached to rear. South-facing; located on a corner east of Peru's downtown commercial district.
8. HISTORICAL DATA This building was constructed in 1967, replacing an 1853 stone and brick structure on the same site. The latter was itself a replacement for an 1841 building constructed by Theron Brewster, Peru's first mayor, for the Congregationalists.	9. SIGNIFICANCE The building is an awkward example of Neo-Colonial Revival architecture which stylistically intrudes upon the historical character of its neighborhood, a mixed-use area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential, commercial and governmental buildings. It does, however, symbolize one of Peru's oldest and most influential religious groups, the Congregationalists.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

First Congregational Church

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Sweeney Gasoline and Oil Company

2. LOCATION

1428 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1923 and 1926

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
gas station/ hair salon

5. RATING
Cn-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation and structural system. One-story, rectangular building with combination flat and flared front gable roof, roof material not visible. East half of main (north) facade, plain concrete with no cladding, flat roof, two triple plate-glass windows. West half of main facade, brick veneer cladding, flared gable tile roof that extends beyond north facade to cover two brick piers, three bays: central metal and glass door flanked by two four-over-one-light windows with wooden surrounds. Building located in mixed-use commercial/residential block of Peru's main commercial street.

At the time it was built between 1923 and 1926 by the Sweeney Gasoline and Oil Co., the building was one of three service stations in Peru. Although it changes ownership several times, the building remained a gas station until 1976. It was vacant in 1977, and was taken over by its current owner, Trendsetters Hair Design shop, in 1978. To the northwest of where the building now stands, the historic treaty oak stood. Local legend said the tree was the site of a meeting between early residents of Peru and Indians to determine settlement boundaries.

This building was constructed in the early 1920s during an era of steady growth in Peru's history fueled by the town's thriving industry. This building would be a good example of an early gas station, but its integrity has been marred by changes made when it was converted into a hair salon. The building is located on a corner lot. To the east is a two-story frame dwelling built before 1886.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Sweeney Gasoline and Oil Company

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-6 Frame 27



W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

Leshnick's La Salle and Peru City Directory, Rockford, Illinois: L. Leshnick, 1913-14, 1915) and (Peoria, Illinois: Leshnick Directory Co., 1917-18, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922).

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Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois, (New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, 1926).

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1905	
2. LOCATION 1412 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
5. CONDITION Good.		6. RATING Sm-3	
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Concrete foundation. Rectangular, two-story, aluminum siding. Front gable roof, asphalt shingles. Two-story flat-roof, enclosed porch along main (north) facade: aluminum storm door with hood at east corner, followed to west by band of six casement windows, each three-over-one lights and transom. Second story has three one-over-one double-hung sash windows. House located in mixed-use commercial/residential block of Peru's main commercial street.</p>			
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>House built before 1905. Theodore Weberling, a clerk at the Illinois Zinc Co., owned the house between 1905 and 1913. Other residents have included: A.H. Karn, Superintendent of the Board of Education, 1917-21; Frank W. Woerner, a carpenter, 1922-3; Fred W. Hess, a painting contractor, 1926-51; John B. Schlosser, a salesman, 1954; Lucy Waldon, 1956-66, and Raymond Mayszak, a maintenance worker, 1969-86.</p>			
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>This house was built before 1905 at a time when Peru's economy was steadily growing because of the town's thriving industries. It is a good example of the two-story frame dwellings built by Peru's middle class during that era. The house is located in the middle of the block. To the east is a modern 1950s house that is smaller in scale. To the west is a gas station that has been converted into a hair salon. Both structures detract from the integrity of the building.</p>			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1412 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-10 Frames 7 & 8



W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

Leshnick's La Salle and Peru City Directory, Rockford, Illinois: L. Leshnick, 1913-14, 1915) and (Peoria, Illinois: Leshnick Directory Co., 1917-18, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892 and 1897
2. LOCATION 1409 Fourth Street Peru, Ill.	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: Lot 4, block 34, Day's Subdivision	5. RATING Sh-3

6. CONDITION Fair.	L-shaped, two-story, wood-frame building with asbestos shingles. Cross-gable roof of asphalt. Second-floor facade has one-over-one-light double-hung sash window with round arch; first-floor facade has three-part double-hung sash window with segmental, three-part transom. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed on other sides; all windows with corner medallions. Flat-roofed, re-entrant angle porch on wrought-iron posts. South-facing; located in a heavily travelled area just east of Peru's commercial district.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	This T-shaped house was built between 1892 and 1897. From before 1905 until at least 1910, Otto Lauer and his wife, Mary, occupied the residence. Lauer was a bookkeeper at the Peru Beer Company. By 1915 Mrs. Carrie Ziesling resided there, and by 1926, Mrs. Elizabeth Breuning. By 1940, Charles Hasse, secretary of Mundie Manufacturing, and his wife, Tillie, occupied the house.
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9. SIGNIFICANCE	The building is a good example of the turn-of-the-century T-shaped house, and one of many of this type in Peru. It is representative of the steady residential development which occurred in Peru during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, a period of prosperity for the community. Although the building has been re-sided in asbestos, it retains its original appearance. It is located in a block of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of generally similar scale, size and materials, at the western edge of Peru's downtown commercial district.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1409 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-3; frame 14



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, A Complete City Directory of La Salle and Peru, (La Salle: Hennessey and Tyler, 1876).

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Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois (New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, 1926).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Max Donatt house

2. LOCATION

1406 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1958 and 1960

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence

5. RATING
Sr-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame structural system. One-story rectangular house with running-bond brick veneer. Hip roof, asphalt shingles, central metal chimney. Main (north) facade has asymmetrical fenestration. West half is enclosed porch with storm door at west and band of five casement windows to east. Eastern half of main facade has one three-light picture window. House located in mixed-use residential and commercial area of Peru's main commercial street.

Built between 1958 and 1960 for Max Donatt, owner of the Peru Shop. The current owner, Frank Vlastnic, who owns a men and boys clothing store, purchased the house in 1967.

When this brick house was constructed in the late 1950s, Peru's economy was finally beginning to shake off the decline it had entered in during the depression although it never fully regained the prosperity it had enjoyed before 1930. This house is located in the middle of the block: directly to the east is a modest frame house built around the turn of the century, to the west is a frame house that fronts on a side street.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1406 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-10 Frames 5 and 6



W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

Leshnick's La Salle and Peru City Directory, Rockford, Illinois: L. Leshnick, 1913-14, 1915) and (Peoria, Illinois: Leshnick Directory Co., 1917-18, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION
1403 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
c. 1960

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / residence

5. RATING
Sr-5

legal description: Lot 6,
block 34, Day's subdivision

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, one-story concrete-block building with vinyl siding. Hipped roof of asphalt. Off-center entrance with concrete stoop and wrought iron railing. Asymmetrically-placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash and picture windows complete facade. Concrete block foundation.

This house was probably constructed c. 1960.

The materials and massing of this building make it an intrusion upon the historic character of its late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood, at the edge of a downtown commercial district. It lacks historical significance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1403 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-3; frame 15



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, A Complete City Directory of La Salle and Peru, (La Salle: Hennessey and Tyler, 1876).

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Sanborn Map Co., Peru, Illinois (New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1888, 1892, 1897, 1909, 1916, 1926).

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION
1326 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
predates 1886

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence

5. RATING
Se-3

6. CONDITION
Good.

Roughcut coursed limestone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structural system. Rectangular shape, one-story, wood shingle cladding. Combination hip and gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. North (main) facade three bays: central wooden door with gabled hood, one one-over-one double-hung sash window to east, paired two-over-two casement windows to west, all with wooden surrounds. House located in residential block of Peru's main commercial street.

House built before 1886, probably for Charles Climo, a harnessmaker who owned a business at 123 Water Street. By 1905 Climo had moved his business to 1810 Fourth Street, but he continued to live in the same house. Members of the Climo family lived there through 1984. Since then it has been owned by Randy Rice.

When this house was built before 1886, Peru was enjoying the greatest boom period of its history. The population was increasing rapidly and new industries were starting up to take advantage of the Illinois and Michigan Canal. This house is a good example of the wood-frame houses being built for Peru's middle class during this period. It is located on a corner lot. Directly to the east is a massive, Colonial Revival-style house. East of that are several trailer houses that detract from the block.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1326 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1947
2. LOCATION 1323 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
5. CONDITION Good.	6. RATING Sr-4

Legal description: Lot 4
block 35, Day's subdivision

Rectangular, one-story building of masonry construction with stretcher-bond veneer of tan brick. Gable roof covered with asphalt. Central projecting gable with round-arched doorway trimmed with rock-faced ashlar blocks. Symmetrically placed, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with soldier-coursed brick sills. Gable-roofed, rectangular, one-car garage addition to east side. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located on a heavily travelled street just east of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This residence dates from c. 1947.

The modest architectural elements of this house--gable roof, brick facing, decorative door surrounds--make the structure compatible with the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale and materials which surround it.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1323 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-3; frame 16



John C. Bailey, La Salle County Directory for 1858-1859, (Chicago: W.H. Rand, n.d.).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Thomas F. Noon house

2. LOCATION

1322 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1906 and 1909

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sn-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Roughcut coursed limestone and ashlar foundation. Structural system unknown. Two-story, rectangular, Colonial Revival-style house with stucco cladding. Center gable roof, returned eaves, asphalt shingles, one east end interior chimney. Two dormers with closed gable and eight-over-one double-hung sash windows. Main (north) facade, symmetrical fenestration: central double wood-and-lead-glass doors with leaded-glass sidelights and fanlight, flanked by four classical pilasters, two twelve-over-one double-hung sash windows, first floor; central Palladian-style window flanked by two twelve-over-one double-hung sash windows, second floor, circular leaded-glass window in gable area. Detached double garage with hip asphalt-shingle roof to southwest of main block. House located in residential block of Peru's main street.

7. DESCRIPTION

House built between 1906 and 1909 has been inhabited by many of Peru's most prominent businessmen. The family of Thomas Noon, president of the Illinois Zinc Co. and the Peru State Bank, built and owned the house until 1926. Other owners included: Daniel Vorhees, vice president and general manager of Peru Plow and Wheel (1923-early 1940s); James D. Walch, president and treasurer of the Union Coal Co. (early to mid-1940s), and Peter Miller, secretary and treasurer of the Daily Post Co., publishers of The Daily News Tribune. The current owner, attorney John Olivero, has owned the house since 1976.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This massive, well-maintained house was built between 1906 and 1909--a period in which Peru enjoyed steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. This house is historically significant because it was owned by some of Peru's most prominent businessmen. It is an excellent local example of Colonial Revival architecture. This house is located mid-block. To the east are several trailer homes. To the west is a one-story wood-frame house built before 1886. All of these structures detract from the integrity of this house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Thomas F. Noon House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-6, Frames 21, 22



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1947
2. LOCATION 1319 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) vacant (commercial)
6. CONDITION Fair.		5. RATING Cr-4
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Rectangular, two-story, load-bearing concrete block with stretcher bond veneer on sides, formstone facing. Two-bay facade, flat roof. One-over-one-light double-hung sash window and picture window, both with metal awnings, on second floor. Large, metal display windows on first story. Concrete foundation. South-facing; located east of Peru's downtown commercial district on a heavily travelled street.</p>		
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>This building was constructed c. 1947 , although it appears to have been severely altered.</p>		
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>Because of the mismatched fenestration and formstone employed in the facing of this building, it is an intrusion upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential development of similar size, scale and massing at the eastern edge of a downtown commercial district.</p>		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1319 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-3; frame 17



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1870
2. LOCATION 1315 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Se-2

legal description: Lot 6,
block 35, Day's subdivision

6. CONDITION

Fair.

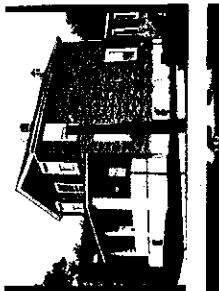
Rectangular, two-story, gable-front building with three-bay facade. Gable roof covered with asphalt with central and interior chimneys and broken returns. Asphalt shingles. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with wood lintels and sills flanking central doors (one at each level). One-story, shed-roofed, facade-long porch on asbestos-sided pillars with solid wood railing (also sided in asbestos). One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed about rest of building. Stuccoed, one-and-a-half-story addition with gable roof to rear. Stuccoed foundation with basement. South-facing; located on a heavily travelled street east of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This house was constructed c. 1870 and may be one of the oldest structures in its neighborhood. In 1905 it was occupied by Henry C. Huntoon and his wife, Elizabeth. Huntoon was a partner in Huntoon and Zacher, grocers, as well as an agent of the U.S. Express Company. By 1910 Dr. C.S. Morsman, dentist, and his wife, Lena, lived here. Before 1915 until at least 1926 John and Elizabeth Leonard occupied the house. Leonard was an employee of the Illinois Zinc Company. By 1940 Michl Rogalla, a cutter, and his wife, Mary, lived here.

The house is a good example of the midnineteenth-century gable-front house, and is one of a number of representatives of this type in Peru. It marks the early residential development of Fourth Street in the community. Although it has been altered (reparably) by the application of asphalt shingles, the building otherwise retains its original appearance. It is probably the oldest residence in its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1315 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Gas Station)

2. LOCATION
1301 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
mid-twentieth century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
gasoline station / used car dealership

5. RATING
Cn-4

legal description: Lot 5,
6, block 20, Woodworth's sub.

6. CONDITION
Fair.

Rectangular, one-story, load-bearing concrete-block building with shed roof trimmed in porcelain-type blue and white panels. Two-bay service area with metal garage doors. East side of facade with central metal door flanked by large metal window. Flat-roofed pumping station on metal posts. South-facing; located just west of State Road 51, on a heavily travelled street.

This building was likely constructed in the mid-twentieth century. By 1940 it was occupied by the Fred Huetteman filling station.

This building's size, scale, massing and materials make it an intrusion upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential construction. It is of minimal historical significance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1301 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION C. 1950
2. LOCATION 1205 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
5. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Sr-4
7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, one story, gable-fronted building of masonry construction with stretcher-bond brick veneer. Gable roof of asphalt. Projecting, gable-roofed, open vestibule of brick with wrought-iron posts. Large casement windows, symmetrically placed. Raised first floor; brick-covered foundation and basement.	
8. HISTORICAL DATA This building was constructed c. 1950.	
9. SIGNIFICANCE The gable roof, brick facing, and regularly-spaced windows of this midtwentieth-century building make it compatible with the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential construction.	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1205 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION

1203 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: E 1/2
Lots 5,6, block 21, Winston &
Lowe's subdivision

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1905 and 1910

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / residence

5. RATING
Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Square, two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame building. Hip roof of asphalt with central chimney, central hip-roofed dormers with paired windows. Asbestos shingles on second floor, stucco on first. Nine-over-one-light double-hung sash, one-over-one-light double-hung sash, fixed pane, and stepped one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed on first and second stories. Wrap-around (south and east sides), flat-roofed porch on simple wood pillars with wood railing and lattice work. Full lower level of randomly coursed fieldstone with one-over-one-light double-hung sash and fixed-pane windows. South-facing; located on a heavily travelled street east of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This house was constructed between 1905 and 1910. In the later year it was occupied by Dennis Curley and his wife, Margaret. Curley's occupation is unknown. By 1915, however, Dr. Frank E. Hicklin, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist and his wife, Marie, resided in the house. By 1940 William Hassler, owner of a local insurance agency (Union Auto Indemnity Company) occupied the house.

With its full lower level of stone, this building is an unusual but good example of the American Foursquare. It represents the continued development of Fourth Street as a residential area through the first decades of the twentieth century. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos, the building retains its original appearance. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences which vary in size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1203 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION
1107 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1926 and 1940

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / residence

5. RATING
Sn-3

6. CONDITION
Very good.

Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story building of masonry construction with stretcher-bond brick veneer. Hip roof covered with asphalt with wide eaves and central, hip-roofed dormers with tiny, paired one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Entrance with sidelights within inset porch with oversized brick pillars. Band of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows across facade. Double and trebled one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on sides. Brick-faced foundation and basement. South-facing; located on a heavily traveled street east of Peru's downtown commercial district.

This house was constructed between 1926 and 1940. In the later year it was occupied by Leo S. Mueller, occupation unknown.

This building is a good example of a bungalow, one of many in Peru. It represents the continued development of eastern Fourth Street as a residential area through the first decades of the twentieth century. The building retains its original appearance. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

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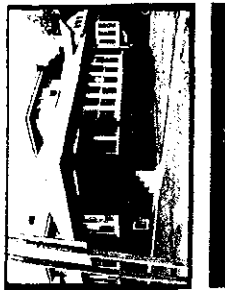
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1107 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION

1105 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1905 and 10

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, side-gable, wood-frame building with clapboard siding. Gable roof covered with asphalt with gable dormer with trebled one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Inset porch on oversized, stretcher-bond brick pillars, now enclosed with panels of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with wood lintels and sills. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed about rest of lower story. Brick-covered foundation with basement. South-facing; located on a heavily travelled street east of State Route 51.

This house was constructed between 1905 and 1910. It was first occupied by Richard Merrick and his wife, Mary. Merrick was a watchman at the Illinois Zinc Company. The Merricks resided at the house until at least 1915; by 1926 it was occupied by a Peter Zielinski, a worker at the Peru Beer Company. In 1940 Mrs. Cora M. Peterson operated a beauty shop from the site.

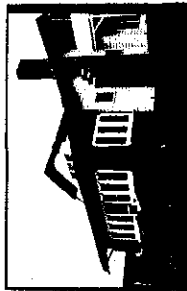
The building is a good representative of a bungalow, one of many examples in Peru. It represents the continued development of eastern Fourth Street through the first decades of the twentieth century. The building retains a high degree of integrity, although its porch has been enclosed. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1105 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1880
2. LOCATION 1103 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, side-gable, two-story, wood-frame house with asbestos shingles. Gable roof covered with asphalt, interior chimneys. Three-bay facade with six-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story; similar windows flanking central entrance with transom and metal awning on first floor. Similar windows symmetrically placed on other sides. Gable-roof addition to rear with similar treatment. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located on a busy street of Peru's commercial district.

This building was probably constructed c. 1880, making it one of the oldest houses in its neighborhood.

This building is a good example of the side-gable house, one of a handful to remain in Peru. It represents the early development of Fourth Street, the city's main east-west thoroughfare. Although it has been altered reversibly by the application of asbestos shingles, the building retains its original appearance. It is among the oldest residences in its neighborhood, a cohesive area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1103 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Peru Post of the American Legion No. 375	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1951 and 1954
2. LOCATION 1040 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) American Legion Hall Post 375
6. CONDITION Fair.	5. RATING Hr-4

7. DESCRIPTION

Concrete-block foundation and structural system. One-story rectangular building clad with stucco and formed concrete simulating stone. Flat roof with stone parapet in middle of north facade, roof material not visible. Small, canted porch at northwest corner with metal awning, metal door, flanked by two fixed one-light windows and cast concrete simulating stone. East half of north (main) facade has five single-light fixed windows with wooden surrounds. One double one-over-one double-hung sash window at center. West half of main facade has seven casement windows, each with eight horizontal lights and cast concrete simulating stone underneath. Building located in block of mixed-use commercial and residential buildings, next to Route 51, on Peru's main commercial street.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

Current building constructed between 1951 and 1954 on the site once occupied by Lincoln School. The two-room schoolhouse was used between 1867 and 1935, when it was taken over by the Works Project Administration as an office. The building was abandoned in 1940.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

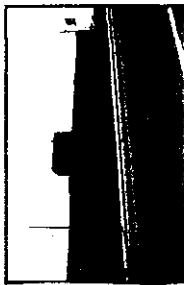
This massive concrete building was constructed between 1951 and 1954, a time during which Peru's economy was beginning to enter an era of slightly increased prosperity. Despite this upswing, the town's economy never regained the strength it had enjoyed before the depression of the 1930s. The building is located on a corner lot. To the west is a highway, to the east are three houses.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Peru Post of the American Legion No. 375

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Frances Floropus House

2. LOCATION

1034 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

Between 1958-60

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sr-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Foundation not visible. Wood-frame structural system assumed. One-story, square house with wood cladding. Hip roof, asphalt shingles, one exterior chimney on east facade. Main (north) facade, three bays: central wood door with three stepped lights, one one-over-one double-hung sash window to east, one-light picture window to west. Gabled entry portico with metal railing. Detached, one-story, one-car garage with wood siding and front gable roof to southwest of main block. House located in mixed-use commercial and residential block on Peru's main street.

Built between 1958 and 1960 for Mrs. Florence Floropus, a factory worker at Westclox. House was purchased by James Phelps, an auto mechanic, in 1976 and is still owned by the family.

When this house was built in the late 1950s, Peru's economy was beginning an era of slightly increasing prosperity although it would never completely recover the economic prosperity it had enjoyed before the depression of the 1930s. This frame, one-story house is located mid-block. To the east are two frame houses built at the turn of the century. To the west is the massive American Legion hall.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Frances Floropus House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1030 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

predates 1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sn-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame structural system assumed. Rectangular, one-and-a-half story house with wood shingle cladding. Front gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Symmetrical fenestration north (main) facade: central wooden door with three lights, hipped portico with metal poles, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with aluminum awnings, narrow one-over-one double-hung sash window with wooden surround in gable area. One-car, one-story garage with asphalt siding simulating stone, side gable roof to southwest of main block. House located in mixed-use residential/commercial block on Peru's main commercial street.

House built before 1905. Pat Tarpy, a member of a family of miners had been in Peru since 1875, lived in the house between 1905 and 1909. Joseph Kratohek, a laborer, bought the house in 1911 and members of his family lived there until 1973. Sophie Kotecki lived there from 1977 to 1984.

When this modest frame house was built before 1905, Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's many thriving industries. This well-maintained house is an excellent example of the modest houses inhabited by workers during that era. It is located mid-block. To the east is a more massive frame house built at the same time with a well-incorporated commercial addition. Directly to the west is a 1950s frame house, beyond that is the American Legion building. Both detract from the integrity of this building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1030 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Charles Nadler House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION C. 1895
2. LOCATION 1027 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame building with stretcher bond brick veneer. Rectangular three-story tower with hipped roof on west side of facade and finial-capped, hexagonal, two-story tower with hexagonal roof on east side. Projecting, two-and-a-half-story, canted bay with corner brackets; fixed, square attic window; large central windows with fixed, multi-light transoms; narrow, flanking one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. One-over-one-light and six-over-six-light double-hung sash windows and large, fixed-pane windows asymmetrically placed on remainder of house; some of the latter altered by application of glass block. Flat-roofed porch with large brick pillars across facade, protecting double wood door entrance with transoms. Flat-roofed, rectangular, two-story frame sleeping porch addition to east with bands of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. South-facing; set well back from the road on a hill which overlooks a heavily travelled route between Peru and neighboring LaSalle.

This house was constructed c. 1895 for Charles Nadler, prominent local pharmacist and proprietor of the Four Corners Drug Store. Nadler was first president of the Peru's People's Hospital Committee (1907) which successfully lobbied for the construction of what is now known as Illinois Valley Community Hospital; his wife founded the hospital's women's auxiliary. Nadler was also first treasurer of the Peru Library's Board of Directors. The family occupied the house until at least 1915. By 1926 Frank Urbanowski, president of Brunner Foundry and Machinery, resided here, and by 1940, Ed Alger and his wife, Fern, owned the house. Alger was president of LaSalle and Peru Theatres and the Peru Deep Vein Coal Company.

The re-facing of this wood-frame building in brick has severely and permanently compromised its integrity. It was formerly among the best of the several local representatives of the Queen Anne style. The building marks the continued development of Fourth Street as a prominent residential area through the turn of the century. Its significance is enhanced by its association with Charles Nadler, prominent local druggist and philanthropist. It is located high up a hill among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of varying grandeur.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Charles Nadler House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-3; frames 24, 25



LaSalle and Peru Illustrated (undated pamphlet of lithographs).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-dates 1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / funeral home & residence

5. RATING

Sn-3

2. LOCATION

1026 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

6. CONDITION

Good.

Foundation material not visible. Wood-frame structural system. Two-story, L-shaped building with stucco cladding. Hip roof with deck and center gable on north facade, asphalt shingles, metal chimney northeast corner. One-story porch along north (main) facade with three piers, flat roof, two bays: metal door with five lights to west, oriel with four vertical lights to east, first floor; three one-over-one double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds, second floor. One-story, flat-roof addition to northeast main block, two bays: three-light fixed window to east, aluminum door with block glass sidelights to west. Building located on Peru's main street in mixed-use commercial/residential block.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

House built before 1905. George Burke and members of his family lived in the house between 1905 and 1940. It changed owners several times before being purchased by the Ptak family, which lives in the house and also operates their funeral home business there.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

When this house was built before 1905, Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. The house is representative of the two-story frame dwellings built during that time. A modern one-story addition that was made when the house was converted to a funeral home has been well incorporated and does not detract from the appearance. The building is located on a corner lot. Directly to the east are two frame houses. Beyond that is the American Legion Hall, a massive modern building that detracts from the block.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1026 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Charles Brunner House

2. LOCATION

1021 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

Legal description: Lot 3
ex W 25', Lots 4,5,6, block 13
Park's Addition

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1890

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

5m-1

6. CONDITION

Very good.

Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story building of load-bearing smooth-faced, coursed ashlar. Hipped roof covered with asphalt, central chimney. Round, three-story tower with denticulated, conical roof; asphalt-sided third story with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows; similar first and second story windows with segmental stone hoodmolds and plain stone lug sills. On southeast corner, rectangular, two-story tower with denticulated, pyramidal roof with kick; large central, fixed pane windows with fixed-pane transoms and segmental hoodmolds; flanking one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows similarly trimmed. Similar windows symmetrically placed about house. Gable-roofed projecting center section with terra cotta belt course in attic and double, transomed wood entrance on first floor with flat roofed porch with second story balustrade on large, square pillars. Stone quoins trim each corner; terra cotta beltcourse divides first and second stories. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located well back from the road, on a prominent hill, on a heavily travelled route between Peru and neighboring LaSalle.

This house was constructed c. 1890 for Charles Brunner, prominent local industrialist. He established the Brunner Iron Works on Water Street in Peru in 1875; the company was among the first to produce stationary gasoline engines in quantity. The buildings from the iron works are now part of the Foster Grant Company complex. Brunner and his iron works are also credited with building the first automobile in Peru, a steam-powered vehicle constructed for an August Diesel. Brunner and his family resided here until at least 1926.

This building is an excellent local example of Queen Anne-style architecture, and one of Peru's rare stone examples of this type. It represents the continued development of Fourth Street as a prominent residential area at the turn of the century. Altered somewhat by the application of paint, the building nevertheless maintains its original appearance. It is historically significant because of its association with Charles Brunner, prominent local industrialist. The building is located high on a hill among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of varying grandeur.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Charles Brunner House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 1009 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1855 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING On Se-1
6. CONDITION Good. Rectangular, two-and-a-half-story, gable-front, load-bearing brick building. Pedimented, gable roof of asphalt with simple frieze and triangular attic window. Three-bay facade with two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows with smooth stone lintels and lug sills, symmetrically placed; similar windows on first floor with east-of-center entrance with transom. Facade-long, one-story, flat-roofed porch on large stuccoed pillars. Gable-roofed, rectangular, one-and-a-half-story brick wing to rear. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Cast-iron support rods on west side as well as coursed ashlar water table. South-facing; located well back from a heavily travelled road between Peru and neighboring LaSalle. This house was probably constructed c. 1855. From before 1905 until at least 1915, it was occupied by Jerry H. and Frances Leahy. Leahy was employed by the Illinois Zinc Company. From before 1926 until at least 1940 George Sparling, occupation unknown, and his wife, Minnie, resided here. This midnineteenth-century house is a very good example of Greek Revival-style architecture and one of a number of brick representatives of the style in Peru. It represents the early development which occurred along Fourth Street and in Peru. The building retains its original appearance and may merit consideration for the National Register. The building is set back from the road among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of varying grandeur.	

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1009 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION late nineteenth century
2. LOCATION 1005 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence, sewing shop
6. CONDITION Fair.	5. RATING Cm-2

legal description: Lot 8,
blk. 24, Chambers & Earl Addition

Rectangular, two-and-a-half-story, gable-fronted wood-frame building with clapboard siding, three-bay facade. Gable roof covered with asphalt, interior end chimney (north). Small, round-arched, bi-part attic window in facade with pedimented hoodmold; one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with shouldered lintels symmetrically placed on second-story facade, with two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows with segmental hoodmolds asymmetrically placed on sides. Hip-roofed, enclosed one-story porch across facade with wide eaves, large brick pillars, recessed central entrance with transom, large flanking display windows with transoms. Tiny, gable-roofed wood-frame wing to rear with double-hung sash windows. Stuccoed foundation with crawl space. South-facing; located on a heavily travelled street with other examples of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential architecture.

This house was probably constructed before the turn of the century. In 1905 G.J. and Barbara Stadler operated a grocery from the first floor of their home. By 1915 the building housed the grocery store of Mamie Stadler and Frances Kastner. From before 1926 until at least 1940 Stanley Stachowiack, employee of the Peru Product Company, resided here; during the same period a grocery and Wonder Freeze Ice Cream used the commercial space.

This late nineteenth-century building is a good example of a house which was converted to commercial use on the ground floor. It represents the continued development of Fourth Street through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale but varying grandeur.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1005 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1870
2. LOCATION 1003 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-story wood-frame building with gable front, asbestos shingles. Gable roof of asphalt with wide eaves, central chimney. Three-bay facade with two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows with segmental hoodmolds symmetrically placed on first and second stories. Shed-roofed facade-long porch with cinderblock pillars and railing protecting off-center entrance with transom. Shed-roofed, wood-frame one-car garage addition with asbestos shingles to west side. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was probably constructed c. 1870. By 1905 it was occupied by Tom M. Corrigan and his wife, Mary. Corrigan was a foreman for the C.R.I. and P. Railroad.

This midnineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house, and one of numerous representatives of this style in Peru. It represents the early development of Fourth Street as a desirable residential area. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos, the structure retains much of its integrity. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1003 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Office Building)

2. LOCATION

944 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1951-54

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

insurance & real estate office

5. RATING

Cr-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation and structural system. One-story, rectangular building with concrete-block walls. Side gable roof, asphalt shingles. Main (north) facade, five bays: central projecting enclosed entry porch has one metal and glass door with two lights, parapet above with decorative shingles. Entry flanked by two triple casement windows, two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with brick sills at east and west ends. Only business in residential block of Peru's main commercial street.

Built between 1951 and 1954 by Faletti & Bloomstand Insurance and Real Estate. The current owner, Howard Marshall Agency Inc., took over the building in 1971.

This concrete-block commercial building was built in the early 1950s -- a period in which Peru was still suffering from the economic aftermath of the depression of the 1930s. The building is located on a corner lot; to the east are six houses of different styles, ages and sizes.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

944 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION circa. 1905
2. LOCATION 926 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
5. CONDITION Fair.	6. RATING Sn-4

Coursed roughcut limestone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structural system (assumed). Rectangular, two-story building with wood-shingle cladding. Front gable roof, asphalt shingles, central concrete chimney. One-story cut-away porch east half of main (north) facade with two decorative metal posts, two bays: wood, multi-light cottage door to west, paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows to east. West bay on first-floor main facade has paired one-over-one dhs windows. Second floor has three one-over-one double-hung sssh windows. All windows with wooden surrounds. One-story enclosed porch with gable roof on south facade. House located in residential block of Peru's main commercial street.

House built about 1905. It was inhabited by Peru Beer Co. brewer Fred Blind or members of his family between 1905-32. The house was then bought by James Taylor, who owned Taylor's garage and lived there between 1935 and 1973. The current owner, John Bartram, has lived there since 1976.

This wood-frame house was built around 1905, a time in which Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. The house is representative of similar structures built in Peru at that time. It is located on a primarily residential block, with five houses of differing styles and ages to the east. To the west is the block's one commercial building -- a well-maintained a concrete block building that does not detract from this house's integrity.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

926 Fourth Street

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
David Douglas House

2. LOCATION
924 Fourth Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1923-26

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence

5. RATING
Sn-4

6. CONDITION
Fair.

Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story bungalow with wood shingle cladding. Hip roof extended over porch with gable dormer on east facade, asphalt shingles, central concrete chimney. Closed rail with four shingled piers along north (main) facade, three symmetrical bays: central, multi-light cottage window, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds. Detached one-story, one-car garage with aluminum siding and hip roof to southwest of main block. House located in residential block on Peru's main commercial street.

Residence built between 1923 and 1926 for David Douglas, a laborer. The house has changed hands several times.

This bungalow was built in the early 1920s at a time when Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. The house is representative of the many bungalows inhabited by laborers during the first two decades of the twentieth century. It is currently vacant, and is therefore deteriorating. The house is located in a mostly residential block on Peru's main commercial street. Directly to the east is an earlier bungalow. To the west is a larger wood-frame house also built earlier.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

David Douglass house

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION circa 1905
2. LOCATION 916 Fourth Street Peru, Ill.	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
5. CONDITION Good.	6. RATING Sn-4

Foundation material not visible. Structural system unknown. One-story, rectangular bungalow with stucco cladding. Hip roof extends over front, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Closed-rail porch with four brick piers along main (north) facade. Symmetrical main facade, central multi-light cottage door, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds. One-story garage with flat asphalt roof to south of main block. House located in residential block of Peru's main commercial street on a high bluff with view of Illinois River to the south.

House built about 1905. Joseph Soultis, a miner, lived there in 1905-06. In 1909 it was bought by another miner, Valentine Jacubec, who lived there until 1940. Members of the Jacubec family continued to live in the house until 1948. It changed hands several times until it was purchased in 1983 by Ly Thanh V.

This well-maintained bungalow was built around 1905 at a time when Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. The house is representative of the many bungalows built in Peru during that period by workers. It is located in the middle of a mostly residential block on Peru's main commercial street. Directly to the east is a 1950s Tudor Revival house, to the west is a similar bungalow built later. Neither detracts from the integrity of this house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
916 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Grazio Barrattini House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1956 and 1958
2. LOCATION 914 Fourth Street Peru, Ill.	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Sr-4
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Concrete block foundation. Structural system unknown. Tudor Revival style, one-and-a-half-story, rectangular shape, pressed concrete simulating brick cladding. Multi-gable roof with flare over cut-away entry porch at northwest corner. Asphalt shingles, flatboard cornices, exterior concrete chimney at west facade. Main (north) facade, three-bay asymmetrical fenestration: aluminum storm door in porch with round brick arch at west, two triple four-over-one casement windows to east, first floor; one-over-one double-hung sash window in gable area. All windows have wooden surrounds, concrete lintels and lug sills. Attached one-story garage with flat asphalt roof southwest of main block. House located in residential block of Peru's main commercial block on a high bluff with view of Illinois River to the south.</p>	
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>Residence was built between 1956 and 1958 for Grazio Barrattini, who still lives there. He is the owner of B&M Laundry.</p>	
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>This Tudor Revival-style house was built in the mid-1950s at a time when Peru was just beginning to recover from the economic effects of the depression. Although it showed a slight resurgence after this period, Peru never regained the economic prosperity it had enjoyed up through the 1920s. These houses stands in the middle of a mostly residential block on Peru's main commercial street. Directly to the east is a bungalow built between 1915-17. To the west is a bungalow built around 1905.</p>	

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Grazio Barrattini House

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Alphonse DuPont House

2. LOCATION

912 Fourth Street
Peru, Ill.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1915 and 1917

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sn-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame structural system assumed. Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story bungalow with stucco cladding. Hip roof extends over front, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney, center gable dormer with single-light casement window and wood surround. Asymmetrical north (main) facade with aluminum storm door east of center, flanked by two cottage windows with leaded glass, decorative headers, and wooden surrounds. Closed-rail porch along main facade with two stuccoed piers. Two-story addition with aluminum siding and shed roof south of main block. House located in block of residential houses in mixed commercial and residential area overlooking the Illinois River.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

Built between 1915 and 1917 for Alphonse Dupont, a miner. House changed hands many times until 1963, when it was bought by the current owner, Theodore Gapinski.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

When this house was built between 1915 and 1917, Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity. It is representative of the bungalows built in Peru during that time. The house is located in the middle of a residential block on Peru's main street. To the east is a modest frame house, which is smaller and was built earlier. To the west is a Tudor Revival house which was built in the 1950s. Neither of the houses detracts from the integrity of this one.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

912 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1870	
2. LOCATION 907 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Residence / residence	
5. CONDITION Fair.		5. RATING Se-4	
7. DESCRIPTION Rectangular, two-story, gable-fronted building, stuccoed. Gable roof covered with asphalt, wide eaves and central chimney. Three-bay facade with two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed on first and second stories. Off-center entrance on formstoned first floor with flat-roofed, facade-long porch on wrought-iron posts. Picture and one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with metal awnings on west side, first floor. Rectangular, one-story, stuccoed addition to rear with gable roof of asphalt, groups of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with metal awnings. Stuccoed foundation with basement. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was probably constructed c. 1870.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE This midnineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house and one of numerous representatives of this type in Peru. It represents the early development of eastern Fourth Street as a desirable residential area. The building's original appearance has been somewhat compromised by its re-siding in formstone and stucco. It is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale and materials.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

907 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

906 Fourth Street
Paru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-dates 1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame structural system assumed. T-shape, one-story, aluminum siding. Cross-gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Symmetrical main (north) facade has central aluminum storm door, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash storm windows. One-story addition with screened porch along east facade to south of main block. One-car, one-story garage with aluminum siding, front gable roof with asphalt shingles to southwest of main block. House located in residential block on Peru's main commercial street in area of mixed commercial and residential buildings.

House built before 1905. The house was owned by Ann O' Dowd, the widow of Patrick O'Dowd who was a grocer in Peru in 1976, between 1905-10. This house changed hands twice between 1911 and 1923, when it was purchased by the Pijanowski family which still owns it.

When this house was built before 1905, Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. This structure is representative of the modest frame dwellings inhabited by workers in Peru at the turn of the century. It sits on a corner lot. To the west is a bungalow, which although it is larger and was built later, does not detract from the integrity of this well-maintained house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

906 Fourth Street

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 903 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sm-3
6. CONDITION Good. Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame building with stucco. Hipped and gable roof of asphalt. Facade with projecting section with closed gable with pent and king post with cross beam. Single, double and treble one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed on first and second stories. Rectangular, flat-roofed stuccoed addition with six-over-six-light double-hung sash windows to west side. Small, shed-roofed entrance porch in east re-entrant angle with stuccoed, scrolled bracket; second-story balcony. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located on a heavily travelled street in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences. This house was probably constructed around the turn of the century. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by Andrew Hebel and his wife, Rose. In 1886 Hebel had succeeded his father Andreas as part manager and owner of the Peru Beer Company, with Hermann Brunner. By 1905 Hebel was secretary and treasurer of the company, while by 1935 he was president and general manager. Hebel also served as mayor of Peru from 1894 to 1897. By 1940 William Robida, foreman at Aetna Welding and Manufacturing, occupied the house. The original appearance of this turn-of-the-century T-shaped house has been severely compromised by its numerous alterations (stucco, half timbering) and additions. The building represents the continued development of eastern Fourth Street as a residential area through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It is also important because of its association with Andrew Hebel, prominent local industrialist. As it now stands, however, the building intrudes upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

903 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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TOWN OF
PERU
HABS No.
IL-312
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	2. LOCATION	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	5. RATING
901 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: Lot 2, 3 E 1/2, block 22, subdivision of lot 4	c. 1900	residence / residence	Sm-3
<p>6. CONDITION Good.</p> <p>Irregularly shaped, one-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with asbestos shingles. Cross-gable roof of asphalt shingles. Asymmetrically placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with metal storm windows. Full-length, flat-roofed, enclosed porch with panels of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows and metal entrance on east side. Stuccoed foundation with basement. South-facing; located on a well-travelled route between Peru and LaSalle.</p> <p>This house appears to have been constructed c. 1900.</p> <p>This building is an example of the T-shaped house, and one of a number of representatives of this style in Peru. It represents the community's continued economic and residential development through the first decades of the twentieth century. The house's appearance has been altered by the application of asbestos siding and addition of an enclosed porch. It is located in a cohesive neighborhood of late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century residences.</p>				

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901 Fourth Street

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

708 Fourth Street
Peru, Ill.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / tavern

5. RATING

Sm-4

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Foundation combination concrete with concrete-patched coursed stone. Structural system unknown. Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, aluminum siding. Gable roof, false front, asphalt shingles. One interior brick chimney, four gable dormers, two on east facade, two on west facade, each with one-over-one double-hung sash windows. One-story, enclosed porch with wood-shingle cladding, flat roof with asphalt singles to west of main block. Building located on Peru's main commercial street, other commercial buildings to east, abandoned Fiddler's Green Coal mine to west.

Building pre-dates 1905. August Kuehn, an employee of Illinois Zinc, lived there from 1905-1920. It was then purchased by the Zurinski family in 1921 which used it as both a home and a grocery. Between 1938 and 1941 it was used by the family as a home and gas station. Since then it has been used as a tavern and home.

When this house was built before 1905, Peru was enjoying a period of steady growth in population and prosperity based on the town's thriving industries. The building is a poor example of structures built during that time -- a poorly maintained addition is attached to the west facade, aluminum siding and plate glass windows mar the architectural integrity of the main (north) facade. The house is isolated from other buildings in the commercial area by vegetation and ravines.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

708 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Gas Station)

2. LOCATION

620 Fourth Street
Peru, Ill.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1940 and 1945

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

gas station

5. RATING

Cr-5

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete block foundation and construction. Rectangular, one-story building. Stepped flat roof, steps to rear, one central metal chimney. Main (north) facade, three bays: two metal garage doors to east, wood door with two lights at west. One-story, concrete-block addition with brick veneer, one plate-glass window, flat roof to west of main block. Concrete-block shed with shed roof attached to southeast corner of addition. Building located in Peru's main commercial district.

Building was constructed between 1940 and 1945 by Spur Distributing Co., Inc., a gas station. Throughout several changes in ownership it has remained a gas station except between 1973 and 1976, when it housed a sanitation company, and in 1980, when it was vacant.

This concrete-block gas station was built between 1940 and 1945 at a time when Peru's economy and population were still declining after the depression of the 1930s. The building is located on a corner lot; to the east is an older brick commercial building with a modern addition.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

620 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Tavern)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1909-16
2. LOCATION 612 Fourth Street Peru, Ill.	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) tavern-residence / electrical shop
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cn-3

Brick foundation. Triangular, one-story, load-bearing brick set in common bond. Stepped flat roof, steps to rear, stepped parapet with stone coping, roofing material not visible. One interior chimney to east, two interior chimneys to southwest. Main (north) facade, eight bays: single metal and glass door flanked by plate-glass windows and plate-glass transom with upper part filled in; three plate-glass windows to east, two to west. One-story addition to west has concrete block foundation, vertical wood cladding, gable roof with false front, asphalt shingles, no openings. Building located in commercial district on Peru's main street.

Current brick building located at 1910 4th street was built between 1909 and 1916 to replace a wood-frame saloon that had been located on the site since at least 1897. The eastern half of the building was a tavern until 1958 -- except during Prohibition when it was a soda shop and billiard parlor. In 1960 it housed a tool rental shop. The western half of the building was used as a residence by the tavern owners until 1922, when it was a shoe repair shop. In 1926 electrician Michael Sigmund opened a shop, which he had there until 1948 when he moved next door to 612 4th Street. In 1962 Sigmund's took over the building at 1910; it currently uses both sites.

When this building was constructed between 1909 and 1916, Peru was enjoying an era of steadily increasing population and prosperity fueled by the town's thriving industries. Despite its changes in use and alterations, the building's basic integrity has not suffered. It is still representative of the brick commercial structures built in Peru during the early twentieth century. The building sits on a corner lot. A modern addition attached to the west and a concrete block gas station beyond detract from the building's integrity.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

612 Fourth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	Owner: Mark Pinter	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1875
2. LOCATION 1828 First Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 86 Lot 5	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence 5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Coursed roughcut stone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structural system. Two-story, gabled ell with asphalt shingles and aluminum siding. Interior chimney at east end. Eastern half of main (north) facade, two bays: aluminum storm door at east, one-over-one double-hung sash window at west first floor; two one-over-one double-hung sash windows second floor. Western half of main facade, two-story addition under side-gable roof, two bays: one-over-one double-hung sash window to west, aluminum storm door to east first floor; second floor has one-over-one double-hung sash window. One-story, flat-roof porch with five wooden posts along main facade. Detached one-story, two-car garage with aluminum siding and side gable roof with asphalt shingles to south of main block. House located in residential neighborhood.

House built c. 1875. The family of William Robinson, a metal worker, lived here between 1886 and 1946. Between 1951 and 1980 the house was owned by members of the Donald Grabowski family, who was an employee of the Meyers Furnace Company. The current owner, Mark Pinter, moved into the house within the past two years.

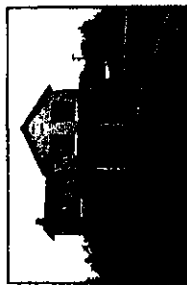
The architectural character of this L-shaped house has been severely compromised by numerous alterations. It marks Peru's strong development in the late nineteenth century prompted by the community's strong industrial base. The building is located among late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of various styles.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1828 First Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

House

2. LOCATION

1827 First Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Ninewa Addition
Block 63 Lot 6

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1892-7

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Fair

Roughcut coursed limestone ashlar foundation. Wood frame construction. Rectangular shape, two-story, with aluminum siding. Combination hip/multi-gable roof, asphalt shingling, one metal woodstove and one brick chimney, both on north facade. One-story veranda with wooden piers, combination shed/gable roof, has been enclosed along west facade and half of south facade. Asymmetrical fenestration on main (south) facade, west to east: band of four 1/1 double hung sash windows, storm door with transom and a small stained glass window. Second floor has two 1/1 double hung sash windows. House located in residential area.

This residence was built between 1892-97. John Holly lived there between 1905-9, his widow Elizabeth, lived there until 1913. The home changed hands many times until 1976, when the current owner, Donald Bennett, purchased it.

Although altered by the application of aluminum siding, this modest Queen Anne retains good integrity, it is one of a number of examples of this style in Peru. They were built during -- an era of continued population growth and economic prosperity fueled by Peru's many thriving industries. This house is located on a corner lot in a mixed residential neighborhood.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1827 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-19th century	
2. LOCATION 1816 First Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
Owner: Sam Elliott		5. RATING Se-2	
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 86 Lot 3			

6. CONDITION Fair.

Foundation not visible. Wood-frame structural system. Rectangular, two-story Federal-style house with asbestos tile simulating brick along lower third of building, stucco for remaining cladding. Side gable roof, with saltbox roof over enclosed porch south, flatboard cornices, exterior chimney at west facade. Main (north) facade, six symmetrical bays: central wood door with stepped windows and gabled roof portico, flanked by four one-over-one double-hung sash windows first floor; five one-over-one double-hung sash windows second floor. All windows with stone lintels and lug sills. One-story lintels and lug sills. One-story one-car garage with asbestos shingling simulating brick, front-gable roof with asphalt shingles to southwest of Main block. House located in residential area.

House built in the mid-nineteenth century. Jessie Adams, the widow of Charles, lived there in 1905-06. Other residents have included George Schreiber, a cigar maker, who used the building as his house and shop (1909-35), Thomas Wilberts, a machine operator for Westclox (1940-79), and the current owner, Samuel Elliott, since 1983.

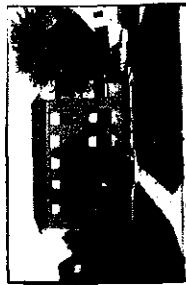
This well-maintained house was built in the mid nineteenth century -- the era of Peru's greatest population and economic growth which was prompted by the opening of the I & M canal. Although stuccoed, the house retains some integrity in style and massing. To the east is an early 1920s bungalow, to the west a 1950s ranch house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1816 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1892
2. LOCATION 1815 First Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 63 Lot 8		5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good

Coursed roughcut limestone ashlar foundation. Wood frame structural system. Rectangular shape, one and one half story wood cladding with formstone around the entry and the lower half of the main facade. Combination hip and gable roof, asphalt shingles, flatboard cornices, interior chimney at north end. Symmetrical fenestration on main (south) facade with central aluminum storm door flanked by two 1/1 double hung sash windows with wooden surrounds. Flat-roofed portico with wrought metal pillars. Two-car, one-story garage with concrete foundation, aluminum siding, side gable roof with asphalt shingles. House located in residential neighborhood.

The house was built about 1892. Its first occupant may have been J.A. heisenback, a printing company owner, who lived here until 1923. The house was vacant, then rented briefly until the current owner, Adam Currie, purchased it in 1930.

This charming turn-of-the-century cottage retains much of its integrity and marks Peru's continued growth and economic prosperity fueled by many thriving industries. It is located among frame residences of the same age.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1815 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Walter Rix house	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1922-24
2. LOCATION 1810 First Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
	5. RATING Sn-3
6. CONDITION Fair.	
7. DESCRIPTION <p>Foundation material unknown. Structural system unknown. Rectangular shaps, one-and-a-half story bungalow, with running-bond brick cladding. Hip roof, asphalt shingles, east end brick interior chimney. Twin gable-roof dormers, each with paired six-over-six double-hung sash windows, connected by long shed-roof dormer with central, paired six-over-six casement windows. Symmetrical main (north) facade with central aluminum storm door, three-light semi-circular transom under brick arch extending into roof, flanked by two bands, each with four six-over-six double-hung sash windows. Door and all windows with wooden surrounds. Concrete patio with four steps and metal railing in front of door of main facade. Two-car stuccoed garage with front gable roof and asphalt shingles to southwest of main block. House located in residential area.</p>	
8. HISTORICAL DATA <p>House built for Walter Rix between 1922 and 1924. The Rix family owned the home until 1972, when it was bought by the Garzanelli family.</p>	
9. SIGNIFICANCE <p>This house is a very modest but well-maintained building with some Colonial Revival detailing. It marks Peru's slowed but continued growth during the first decades of the twentieth century. The structure is located among earlier frame houses of modest detailing.</p>	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1810 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

Leshnick's La Salle and Peru City Directory, Rockford, Illinois: L. Leshnick, 1913-14, 1915) and (Peoria, Illinois: Leshnick Directory Co., 1917-18, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1898-1905
2. LOCATION 1809 First Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 63 Lot 9	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION Good	7. DESCRIPTION Stone rubble foundation. Wood frame construction. Basically rectangular in shape, 1 1/2 story, pebble dash (applied concrete pressed with stones) cladding. Cross gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Curved one-story, flat-roofed porch with seven stone piers along main (south) facade. Asymmetrical fenestration, west to east: 1/1 double hung sash window, storm door, 1/1 double hung sash window. All doors and windows have wooden surrounds. One-story garage with wood cladding, side gable roof with asphalt shingles to north of main block. House located in residential area.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA This residence was built between 1897 and 1905 by Lawrence Schaefer, an engineer for Peru Plow and Wheel Co. Members of his family lived here from 1905 until 1966, when it was bought by factory worker, Robert Perez.	9. SIGNIFICANCE Although stuccoed, this T-shaped cottage retains its integrity, it is one of a number of examples of this style in Peru. They were built in the 1890s and early 1900s -- an era of continued population growth and economic prosperity fueled by Peru's many thriving industries. It is located in a modest turn-of-the-century residential neighborhood.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1809 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1855	
2. LOCATION 1804 First Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 86 Lot 1		5. RATING Sm-3	

6. CONDITION

Good.

Stone rubble foundation. Wood-frame construction. Two-story, rectangular shape, asbestos siding simulating brick. Front-gable roof with pediment, one central metal woodstove chimney, one central brick chimney. Main (north) facade, three symmetrical bays: first floor has aluminum storm door at east, followed by two one-over-one double-hung sash storm windows; second floor has three one-over-one double-hung sash storm windows. All doors and windows with wooden surrounds. Two-car garage with aluminum siding and front-gable roof with asphalt shingles to southwest of main block. House located in residential area.

Built c. 1855. Price Newburn, a laborer, lived here from 1905 to 1915; Dr. J. P. Norwich a spondylopath, between 1917 and 1923. It was occupied by janitor Michael Radtke from 1923 through 1963; Francis Krawczyk, a clerk for Maze Lumber Co., has lived here since 1965.

Although altered by asphalt siding, this house exhibits the gable front and prominent pediment so typical of the Greek Revival style. It marks Peru's early growth and development following construction of the I & M canal. It is located among modest late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of various styles.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1804 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
House		predates 1905
2. LOCATION		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
1803 First Street		residence
Peru, Illinois		5. RATING
legal description: Ninewa Addition		Sm-3
Block 63 Lot 10		

6. CONDITION

Good

Foundation not visible. Wood frame construction. Rectangular, 1 1/2 bungalow with stucco. Combination hip and multi-gabled roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Central gabled dormer with circular vent. Elliptical porch with two stone piers and symmetrical fenestration pattern: central, multi-light wood door flanked by two 3/1 fixed windows and two bands of triple 2/1 casement windows. All windows and door with wooden surrounds. East and north facade have enclosed porches with irregular fenestration. One-story, one-car stuccoed garage with asphalt-shingled front gable roof north of main block. Building located in residential area.

This building predates 1905. It was owned by Simon Geiger between 1905-30. Geiger had owned several barber shops in Peru. In 1876 his shop was on Centre near Plum, in 1886 he did business on Water Street and by 1905 he had relocated the shop to 1821 Fourth Street. The house changed hands many times between 1932-58, when it was purchased by Robert Wright, who lived there until 1985. The current owner is Mrs. Ralph Roth of 1728 Second Street.

This altered building marked Peru's continued economic growth in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is located in a modest residential neighborhood of buildings dating from this period.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1803 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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A.L. Hennessey and H.F. Tyler, A Complete City Directory of La Salle and Peru, (La Salle: Hennessey and Tyler, 1876).

The Peru Directory 1885-1886: Embracing a Complete List of the Residents and Business Houses; Together with Miscellaneous Information of Peru, also a Classified Business Directory and an Editorial Review of Some of the Leading Merchants, Manufacturers etc. etc., (Chicago: R.R. Donnelly & Sons, Printers, 1885).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	Owner: Steven & Kristie Phelps	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-19th century
2. LOCATION 1728 First Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 87 Lot 5	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
		5. RATING Se-3

6. CONDITION Good.	7. DESCRIPTION Foundation not visible. Structural system unknown. Rectangular, two-story building with aluminum siding. Side-gable roof, asphalt shingles, exterior brick chimney east facade. Symmetrical main (north) facade, four bays: paired central aluminum storm doors with wooden surrounds, flanked by two six-over-six double-hung sash storm windows on the first floor; paired six-over-six fixed windows at center flanked by six-over-six double-hung sash storm windows on the second floor. Concrete patio with metal railing at north facade doors. Enclosed brick, one-story porch along south facade of house with flat roof. Two-story brick and aluminum-sided garage with upstairs apartment and asphalt-shingled, hip roof south of main block. House located in residential area.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA House built in the mid-nineteenth century. It was occupied by John G. Breuning, a laborer, between 1885-1935. The house has changed hands several times since then and seems to be used primarily as rental property. The current tenant, Dennis Focci, has lived in the house since 1984.	9. SIGNIFICANCE The architectural character of this early house has been severely damaged by numerous alterations. It has become an intrusion upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of various styles.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1728 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1898-1905
2. LOCATION 1727 First Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Residence/Residence
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 62 Lot 6	5. RATING Sm-3
6. CONDITION Good	

Concrete foundation. Wood frame-construction. Two-story rectangular building with aluminum siding and vertical wood paneling. Cross gable roof with asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Western half of main (south) facade is three-bay original house with front gable roof and aluminum siding. First floor has centered paired windows with 3/1 lights and aluminum door in recessed porch to east. Second floor has three 1/1 double hung sash windows. Two-story addition to east has side gable roof, aluminum siding on second story and vertical wood panelling on first story. Addition has one central metal door flanked by four plate glass windows on first floor and a band of six fixed windows on second floor. A flat-roofed, one-car fiberglass carport attached to north facade. Mixed use commercial/residential building in residential area.

House built between 1897-1905. H.F. Wachter, an architect lived here 1905-80, other occupants include engineer Newton Gallager (1909-19); Price Newborn, a laborer (1921-28), Robert Broscheid, a jeweler (1948-69), and a photographer, Donald Wasielewski (1971-the present).

The dramatic alterations to this turn-of-the-century building have severely and permanently compromised its integrity. The structure is located in a modest turn-of-the-century residential neighborhood.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1727 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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W.H. McCoy's La Salle and Peru City Directory, (Kekeuke, Iowa: McCoy Directory Co., 1905-06) and (Rockford, Illinois: The McCoy Directory Co., 1909-10, 1911-12).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

Owner: Paula Sittler

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

mid 19th century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Se-3

2. LOCATION

1723 First Street
Peru, Illinois
legal description: Ninewa Addition
Block 62, Lot 7

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Foundation not visible. Wood-frame structural system. Rectangular shape, two-story with aluminum siding. Side-gable roof, asphalt shingles, returned eaves, two interior end chimneys. Symmetrical (main) south facade with double aluminum doors in center flanked by two six-over-six windows, first floor; paired small three-over-one fixed windows at center flanked by two three-over-three double-hung sash windows, second floor. Doors and windows all have wooden surrounds. Small central patio at east with saltbox roof. Detached one-car, one-story garage, front-gable roof, asphalt-shingle siding, asphalt shingle roof to north of main block. House located in residential area.

House built in the mid 19th century. Noah Hackman, who was retired, lived in the house with his family from 1885 or before until 1910. The house had many working-class tenants and owners until purchased by the Sittler family in 1966. James Sittler was a mechanic.

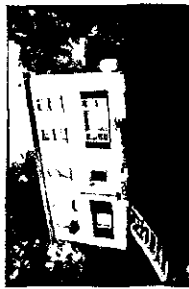
The re-fenestration of this mid-nineteenth century house has somewhat damaged its integrity. It marks Peru's strong early growth following the construction of the canal. The building is located mid-block among modest late nineteenth-century frame houses.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1723 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	Owner: Robert Etheridge	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION C. 1900
2. LOCATION 1722 First Street Peru, Illinois	Legal description Ninewa Addition Block 87 Lot 4	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence 5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION
(under re-construction.)

Concrete foundation. Wood-frame structural system. Rectangular, two-story with no cladding because house is being repaired. Cross-gable roof, asphalt shingles, central metal woodstove chimney. Main (north) facade has one aluminum storm door to east, one picture window to west, first floor; two one-over-one double-hung sash windows on second floor. Veranda under construction wraps around north and east facades. House located in residential area.

House built in the late nineteenth century. J.W. Henshaw, who owned a grocery store with C.G. Monks in 1886 and in 1905 managed J.L. Link's liquor store, lived in the house between 1905 and 1946. It changed hands several times until purchased by its current owner, Robert Etheridge in 1978.

The current remodeling of this turn-of-the-century house will severely damage its architectural integrity and make it an intrusion upon the historic character of its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth and early twentieth century houses.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1722 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1889-92
2. LOCATION 1717 First Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) 5. RATING Sm-3
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 62 Lot 8	

6. CONDITION

Fair

Foundation not visible. Wood frame construction. Rectangular shape, 1 1/2 story bungalow with asbestos shingles. Side gable roof, asphalt shingles, center brick chimney. Gabled dormer with 2/2 double hung sash window. Wood porch with shed roof along western three-quarters of main (south) facade contains four bays, fenestration pattern west to east: one 1/1 double hung sash window, one wood door, one 2/2 double hung sash window, one wood door. Eastern quarter of south facade is bay with three 2/1 dhs windows. All windows and doors have wooden surrounds. Detached one-story, one-car garage with wood siding and side gable asphalt shingle roof to northwest of main block. House located in residential area.

The house was built between 1889-92. It was owned by a series of laborers who worked for various Peru businesses including: Lennartz and Kreis Grocery on Water Street, the W.H. Maze Lumber Co., Illinois Valley Sash and Door and Westinghouse. The current owner, LeRoy Yepson, a construction worker, bought the house in 1956.

Although altered by the application of asbestos shingles, this side gable cottage retains good integrity. It was built during an era of continued population growth and economic prosperity fueled by Peru's many thriving industries. The house is located mid-block in a modest, turn-of-the-century residential neighborhood.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1717 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	owner: Kerry Phyllis Zack	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION circa 1905
2. LOCATION 1716 First Street Peru, Illinois	legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 87 Lot 3	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
		5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Coursed roughcut limestone ashlar foundation. Wood-frame structure assumed. Rectangular, one-and-a-half story building with aluminum siding. Combination hip and cross-gable roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. Pent roof under front gable on main (north) facade. Asymmetrical fenestration on north facade: open entry porch with aluminum storm door, concrete steps, wooden rail, shed-roof overhang at northeast corner. Central canted bay with three one-over-one double-hung sash windows, one-over-one double-hung sash window to west. All windows and doors with wooden surrounds. Detached one-car garage with aluminum siding, asphalt shingle hip roof at southwest of main block. House located in residential neighborhood.

House built around 1905. Fred Weisheit, a timekeeper at Westclox and a member of an old Peru family, lived here between 1905 and 1940. Henry A. Weisheit moved to Peru in 1858, and managed the E. W. Weisheit liquor store on Fourth Street in 1886. After 1940, the house changed ownership twice until it was purchased by the current owner, Kerry Zack, in 1983.

This somewhat-altered building is one of three cross-gabled houses on its block, reflecting the steady fortunes of Peru around the turn of the century -- years marked by steady population growth and prosperity fueled by the town's strong industrial base.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1716 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900	
2. LOCATION 1712 First Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
Owner: Paul Ristau		5. RATING Sm-3	
legal description: Ninewa Addition Block 87 Lot 2			

6. CONDITION

Good.

Running-bond brick and roughcut limestone foundation. Wood-frame structure. Square-shaped, one-and-a-half-story building with stucco cladding. Cross-gable, asphalt-shingle roof. Asymmetrical fenestration on main (north) facade: canted bay at east with central fixed one-light window flanked by two double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds, recessed entry porch at northwest corner with aluminum storm door and shed roof. House located in residential area.

House built c. 1900. It was occupied by Frank Wacker, a machinist for Brunner F & M Co. between 1905 and 1921. The other long-term occupant was Walter W. Dwornik, a bartender who owned it from 1930-74. Paul Ristau has lived there since late 1985.

This well-maintained house reflects the rising fortunes of Peru during the period -- years marked by steady population growth and prosperity fueled by the town's strong industrial base.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

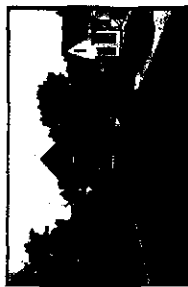
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1712 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1890	
2. LOCATION 1703 First Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence	
Owner: Robert Knutson		5. RATING Sm-2	
Legal description: Nineva Addition Block 62 Lots 9,10			

6. CONDITION

Good.

Roughcut coursed ashlar limestone, wood-frame construction. Rectangular shape, one-and-a-half-story with aluminum siding. Cross gable roof, asphalt shingles with flatboard cornices and central brick chimney. Main (south) facade with recessed entry porch at east beneath shed roof. West half of main facade is canted bay with fixed four-light window at center flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows with wooden surrounds. One-story garage with two aluminum doors and aluminum siding with front gable roof located to northwest of main block. House located in residential area.

House built c. 1890. It was occupied by J. A. Huron, an engineer (who moved to Peru between 1876 and 1986) in 1905-6. It changed hands several times until 1958, when bought by the current owner, Robert Knutson, a factory worker.

Although altered by the application of aluminum siding, this house remains a modest example of the cross-gabled cottage. It marks Peru's continued growth through the late nineteenth century, a time of strong industrial development. The building is located among other late nineteenth-century frame residences of comparable stature.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1703 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION

1627 First Street
Peru, Illinois

Legal description: Lot 6,
block 61, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1892 and 1897

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

T-shaped, two-and-a-half-story, stuccoed. Gable roof with asphalt shingles. Square, fixed attic windows. Single and paired one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed on first and second story. Transomed, double door entrance. Facade-long, shed-roofed one-story porch on battered piers. Stuccoed foundation. South-facing; located in a well-kept neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was constructed between 1892 and 1897. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by Adolph Hoss and/or his wife, Emma. Hoss was a cashier at the Peru State Bank as well as an insurance and steamship agent with Hoss and Loekle. By 1940 Charles Wagner, a foreman at Westlock, and his wife, Anna, resided here.

This building is a good example of the turn-of-the-century T-shaped house and one of number of examples of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued development of Peru in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as well as the parallel residential development. The building's integrity has been somewhat compromised by the application of stucco and additions to the structure, but it otherwise retains much of its historic fabric. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar scale and massing.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1627 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1621 First Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 7
block 6L, Ninewah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1915-1926

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Sh-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, gable-front building with two-bay facade, stuccoed. Cornice returns, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on upper story; enclosed, facade-long porch on stuccoed pillars on first story. Asphalt-covered roof. Cinderblock foundation with basement. Garage to rear (northwest) with hipped roof, aluminum siding, one-car entrance. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed between 1915 and 1926. In the later year it was occupied by Kenneth Corley, occupation unknown. By 1940 William and Maria Horton resided in the house. Horton was an employee of Ed Stickel Oil Company..

7. DESCRIPTION

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a good twentieth-century example of the gable-front house and one of a number of representatives of this house type to survive in Peru. It represents the city's continued economic development during the first decades of the twentieth century as well as the parallel growth of residential areas. The building's integrity has been somewhat compromised by the application of stucco and the enclosure of its porch. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1621 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Isaac Abrams (aka Abrahams) house

2. LOCATION

1616 First Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1855

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Se-2

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, side gable, two stories, load-bearing brick, common bond. Gable roof of asphalt shingles with interior end chimney. Five-bay facade with shed-roofed projection on eastern two bays. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed on second story; large fixed window (east) on first floor. Rectangular, one-story brick wing, common bond, with gable roof of asphalt shingles attached to east side; three-bay facade with west-of-center entrance and small one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Brick foundation. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed c. 1855 for Isaac Abrams (Abrahams), an early settler and real estate agent. Abrams was also a member of the town's first Hook and Ladder Company (Dec. 1846). From before 1905 until at least 1915 Mrs. Sarah Linning, widow of Henry, prominent local jeweler, resided here. By 1926 Frank Flaherty and his wife Viola occupied the building. Flaherty was a teller at the LaSalle Savings Bank and Trust Company. By 1940 William Ellerbrock and his wife, Alma, and Vincent Weyland and his wife, Thelma, resided here. Ellerbrock was a plasterer and Weyland a factory worker at Westlock.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a good example of the side-gable house, and one of the few brick representatives of the type in Peru. It marks the community's early period of growth and development. The house is also historically significant because of its construction for and long association with Isaac Abrahams, a prominent early businessman. Although the porch has been enclosed, the building maintains much of its original appearance. The house appears to be the oldest member of its cohesive late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential neighborhood.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Isaac Abrams House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1892 and 1897
2. LOCATION 1615 First Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sm-4
6. CONDITION Good.	
<p>Rectangular, gable front, one story, aluminum sided. Half-hexagonal bay with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Enclosed, flat-roofed porch with panel of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows, and metal screen door. Cinderblock foundation with basement. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.</p>	
<p>This house was constructed between 1892 and 1897. From before 1905 until at least 1910 Ferdinand and Bertha Meyer occupied the building. Meyer was a music teacher. By 1915 Frank Wallis, of the C.R.I. and P. Railroad, and his wife, Ida, resided here. From before 1926 until at least 1940 Bert and Nellie Brown occupied the residence. Brown was an employee of the Western Clock Company.</p>	
<p>This building is a good local example of the gable-front cottage, and one of a number of examples of this house type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued economic and residential development of the community through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The building's original appearance has been somewhat altered by the application of aluminum siding and addition of an enclosed porch. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar size and scale.</p>	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1615 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1865
2. LOCATION 1609 First Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Se-2
6. CONDITION Good.	
<p>L-shaped, one-and-a-half-story load-bearing brick house of common bond. Gable roof covered with asphalt, central chimney. Simple frieze of wood. Symmetrical, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with stone sills (many with metal awnings). Three-bay facade with off-center entrance. Stuccoed foundation, storm cellar. Garage with gable asphalt-covered roof, concrete foundation, clapboard siding to rear (northwest). South-facing; located in a well-kept neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.</p> <p>This house was constructed c. 1865. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by Nick Sausen and his wife, Louise. Sausen was owner of an electrical contracting company. In 1940 the house was vacant.</p> <p>This late nineteenth-century building is a good example of the L-shaped house, and one of the few such representatives of this type in Peru executed in brick. It marks the continued residential and economic development of the community and, specifically, of this area, through the last decades of the nineteenth century. It is located in a cohesive neighborhood of mid-to-late nineteenth-century residences of similar size and scale.</p>	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1609 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION C. 1870
	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
2. LOCATION 1522 First Street Peru, Illinois	5. RATING Se-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, side-gable, two-story, wood-frame building with vinyl siding. Gable roof of asphalt shingles with central chimney. Shuttered two-over-two double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed on first and second stories of facade. Entrance with metal screen door on far east. Foundation not visible. North-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential development.

This house was probably constructed c. 1870. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by Henry Schuessler and his wife Hermina. Schuessler was a superintendent at National Metal Manufacturing Company. By 1926 John Siebert, teamster, and his wife Clara resided here. By 1940, Louis and Mary Sajnaji, Joseph and Helen Culpa and William and Julia Mersch occupied the house. Sajnaji was a laborer at M and H Zinc Company, Culpa a general laborer, and Mersch a clerk.

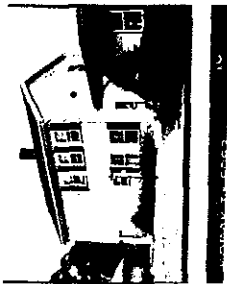
The building is a good example of the side-gable house, and one of a number of representatives of this type in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The house's architectural character has been compromised by its new siding and fenestration. It is located in a cohesive neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1522 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

L-Pl, 9a-10



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Mrs. Margaret Hannon House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1860	
2. LOCATION 1521 First Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence/residence	
legal description: Lot 7 block 60, Ninewah		5. RATING Se-3	

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two story, stuccoed, gable front house. Asphalt roof. 1/1 double hung sash windows on second floor of facade; tri-part picture window on first floor. Transomed, off-center entrance with braced, shed-roofed hood. Stuccoed addition with gable roof, 1/1 double hung sash windows to rear. Stuccoed foundation with partial basement. South-facing; located in a area of late 19th early 20th century residences.

This house was probably constructed c. 1860. From before 1905 until at least 1940 it was occupied by Mrs. Margaret Hannon, widow of John.

This mid-19th century building is a good example of the gable front house and one of a number of representatives of this house type to survive in Peru. It marks the early residential development of this area and of Peru in general. Although it has been stuccoed, the building otherwise retains a good deal of its architectural integrity. It is located among other late 19th and early 20th century residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Margaret Hannon House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 7a-8



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1516 First Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1910 and 1915

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Sm-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, one-and-half-story, wood-frame house. Hipped roof of asphalt shingles with interior chimney and central gabled dormer with one-over-one-light double-hung sash window. Inset, facade-long porch now enclosed with vertical wood siding; shadows of corner pillars visible. Tiny, shuttered one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed on first floor facade. Entrance with metal screen door on east side, with paired one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Single one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed on west side. Stuccoed foundation with basement. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This house was constructed between 1910 and 1915; in the later year it was occupied by J.J. Mueller and his wife Elizabeth. Mueller was an engineer at the American Nickeloid Company. From before 1926 until at least 1940 Leonard Jasolski, engineer, resided here.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

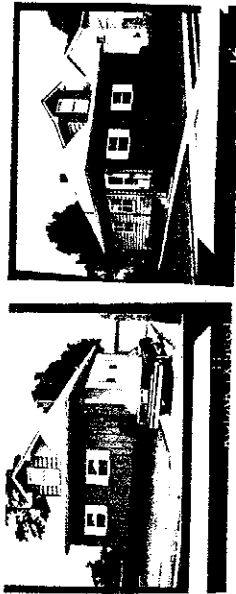
This building is a local example of a bungalow, and one of a number of such representatives in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development during the first decades of the twentieth century. The house's architectural integrity has been greatly compromised by re-siding, re-fenestration, and the enclosure of its porch. It is located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1516 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John J. and Elizabeth Mueller House

2. LOCATION

1515 First Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 8
block 60, ninthwah

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
before 1888

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence/residence

5. RATING
Se-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Irregularly shaped, 2 1/2 story balloon frame house. Cross gable roof of asphalt. Asbestos shingles. Projecting, canted 2 1/2 story bay with fixed attic window, single and paired 1/1 double hung sash windows on second story, picture window on first. Now enclosed, flat roofed porch (with small second story balcony) on battered piers on eastern half of the facade. Foundation not visible. South facing; located in an area of late 19th early 20th century residences.

This house pre-dates 1888, and was remodelled with Queen Anne bays and other details between 1892 and 1897. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was owned by a John J. Muller and his wife Elizabeth. Mueller was a superintendent of the Water, Light and Streets Department in Peru. By 1940 the building was occupied by William Walters, occupation unknown.

This building is a good example of the Queen Anne style, and one of a number of representatives of this style surviving in Peru. It marks the continued economic and residential development of the community in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos and its porch enclosed, the building retains good integrity. It is located among other late 19th and early 20th century residences of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John J. & Elizabeth Mueller House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 8a-9



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION C. 1870
2. LOCATION 1510 First Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Sm-3

Rectangular, one-and-half story, gable-front wood-frame house with vinyl siding. Gable roof of asphalt shingles. Three bay facade with north-of-center entrance, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows, full-length hipped-roof porch on simple wood posts with wood railing. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed on north and south sides. Rectangular, one-story, gable-roofed additions to rear. Stuccoed foundation. East-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house appears to have been constructed c. 1870.

This building is a good example of the gable-front house, one of a number of representatives of this type in Peru. It represents the community's continued economic and residential development in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Although it has been re-sided in vinyl, the house retains its original appearance. It is located in a cohesive neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

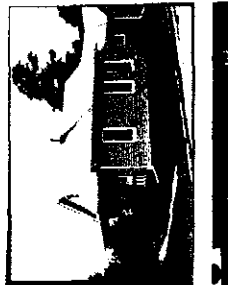
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1510 First Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

LPL, 12a-13



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION late nineteenth century; 1932
2. LOCATION 809-811 Fifth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence, store / residence, store 5. RATING Sm-3
legal description: Lot 7, 8, block 8 Whiting and Dickinson and Burnham subdivision	
6. CONDITION Fair.	
<p>Rectangular, side-gable one-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with asbestos shingles. Gable roof of asphalt shingles with interior end chimney. Three-bay facade with central entrance, flanking one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows, facade-long porch on wood posts with wood railing. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows asymmetrically placed about west side, including rectangular frame addition with shed roof. Stuccoed foundation. Rectangular, one-story commercial addition of balloon frame with false front faced in blocks of green and white Vitrolite. Two-bay facade with transomed, east-of-center entrance and large metal display windows. Stuccoed foundation. South facing; located on a heavily travelled street in an area of mixed commercial/residential use.</p>	
<p>The house appears to date from the late nineteenth century; the commercial section was constructed in 1932 to house Cohard's Jewelry, a function it served through September, 1975.</p>	
<p>This mixed-use building marks the continued development of Route 6 (Fourth Street east to Fifth Street) as a prominent commercial area in Peru through the first decades of the twentieth century. It is a good example both of the popular side-gable house and of early twentieth-century commercial architecture. Few alterations have been made to the building other than the re-siding of the house in asbestos shingles. The building is located in a block of modest mixed-use commercial and residential buildings from the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries.</p>	

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

809-811 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-9; Frame-20, 21



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1920s; late 19th; c. 1900
2. LOCATION 801-805 Fifth Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence, commercial, bar
legal description: Lots 9, 10, block 8, Whiting and Dickinson and Burnham subdivision	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Combination commercial structure / residence composed of three highly distinct parts. From west to east: (1) Rectangular, one-story commercial building of load-bearing structural tile. Flat roof, short side to street. Two-bay facade in buff-colored stretcher-bond brick. West-of-center entrance and small rectangular metal display window with metal underpanel, protected by striped cloth awning. Attached at northeast corner to: (2) Rectangular, two-story, side-gable, wood-frame house. Gable roof of asphalt shingles. Asbestos shingles. Two-bay facade with oversized jetty on upper level. Two-story window boarded closed. First floor with east-of-center entrance and two-over-two-light double-hung sash window with shouldered lintel, protected by flat-roofed porch with bracketed turned posts and wood railing. Coursed ashlar foundation (assumed) attached on east side to: (3) Rectangular, two-story wood-frame commercial building with asbestos shingles. Four-bay false facade with bracketed cornice and hexagonal frame corner turret with finial-capped tent roof with brackets and one-over-one-light double-hung sash second-story windows; similar windows symmetrically placed about the facade and east side. Formstone-faced first floor with exterior vestibule of metal. Stretcher-bond brick foundation on west side, concrete on east.

The west side of the building appears to date from the 1920s, the center section from the late nineteenth century and the east from the turn of the century.

This mixed-use building marks the continued development of Route 6 (Fourth Street east to Fifth Street in Peru) as a commercial area throughout the twentieth century. It is a modest example of early twentieth-century commercial architecture and a nearly hidden example of Queen Anne-style architecture; all of these styles appear frequently in Peru. Although the Queen Anne-style section has been re-sided in asbestos and formstone, the building much of its original appearance. It is located in a mixed-use residential/commercial area of late nineteenth- and twentieth-century structures.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

801-905 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P9-22, 23, 24



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TOWN OF
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Buildings)

2. LOCATION

725 Fifth Street
Peru, Illinois

Legal Description: Lots 6, 7,
Block 3, Whiting and Dickinson
and Burnham subdivision

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1920

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Furniture Store

5. RATING
C-2

6. CONDITION
Good.

Pair of very large rectangular two-and-a-half-story commercial buildings of load-bearing masonry. Stretcher-bond faces of glazed brick. Three-bay facades with simple, parapet roofs with concrete banding and porthole attic windows. Panels of very large casement windows with metal awnings on second story. Large panels of metal display windows on first floor whose transoms have been boarded over. Transomed double door of metal in center of eastern storefront. South-facing; located on a heavily travelled, highly commercialized and industrialized route between Peru and LaSalle.

These buildings probably date from ca. 1920.

These very large buildings, with their blocky massing and simple details, are good examples of early twentieth-century commercial architecture, and one of the largest examples of this type of building in Peru. They mark the continued development of Route 6 (Fourth Street east to Fifth Street) in Peru during this period. Although the first-floor display windows have been altered, the buildings retain a high degree of architectural integrity. They are located among commercial, industrial, and residential structures of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
725 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Tavern)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
between 1898 and 1904

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

tavern / electrical repair shop

5. RATING

Cm-3

2. LOCATION

530 Fifth Street
Peru, Ill.

3. CONDITION

Good.

Combination brick, clay tile, and stone foundation with concrete patching. Frame structural system. Rectangular, one-story building with vertical-plank cladding. Gable roof with asphalt shingles has false front with stepped parapet, clad with asphalt shingles simulating brick. North (main) facade has one bay -- a recessed porch with wooden door at the northwest corner. Located in commercial district on Peru's main commercial street.

Built between 1898 and 1904 as a tavern. Anton Labanowski operated a tavern there from 1905-19, then a soda fountain in 1921. Until 1932 various owners sold soft drinks there. Between 1932-69 it was again a tavern. In 1971 it was a restaurant. In 1972 it was a pizza parlor. Since 1973 it has been owned by Sigmund's Electric, which also owns the building across Pulaski at 612 Fourth Street.

This building was constructed between 1898 and 1904 at a time when Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity based on the town's thriving industries. This frame building sits on a corner lot. To the east is a modest building constructed at about the same time. Both have been radically altered.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

530 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

514 Fifth Street
Peru, Ill.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / tax preparers office

5. RATING

Sm-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete-block foundation. Structural system unknown. Rectangular shape, one-story, clad with veneer of cast concrete simulating brick at base, corrugated aluminum over the storefront and pent. Front gable roof with asphalt shingles, false front with aluminum facing. North (main) facade has recessed entry with glass and aluminum door to west, four plate-glass windows to east. Located in commercial district on Peru's main commercial street.

House built before 1905. Nelson Olson, who moved to Peru before 1885 and worked as a foreman for C. Brunner Ironworks, lived there during 1905-06. Several other laborers owned the house until 1954, when it was purchased by Adam Jakubek who made it into a bakery. Since then it has been a gift shop, real estate office, electric shop, and the Peru Township offices (1976). H&R Block, the current business, has been in the building since 1977.

This building was constructed before 1905 at a time when Peru was enjoying steady growth in population and prosperity based on the town's thriving industries. Because it has been radically altered to make a shop, the frame structure has little architectural integrity. Its location between two other commercial buildings further detracts from its integrity.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

514 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION
510-12 Fifth Street
Peru, Ill.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
1957

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
tavern, awning shop / podiatrist

5. RATING
Cr-4

6. CONDITION
Good.

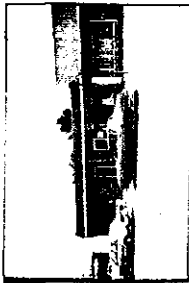
Concrete-block foundation with concrete-block structural system. Rectangular, one-story building with veneer of cast stone simulating running stretcher-bond brick. Flat roof with aluminum pent over two storefronts on main (north) facade. Eastern storefront has paired plate glass and metal door with transom, followed by a plate-glass window at western corner. Building is located at edge of commercial district on Peru's main commercial street.

Built in 1957 to house Yanka's Tavern at 510 and Koolmaster Awning Co. at 512. Yanka's occupied the building until 1985. Various businesses were located in 512 including: Ben Kaszynski Real Estate (1963-66), Ken Bleck Agency (1967-74), Dr. J.A. Chvala, a podiatrist (1977-present). In 1986, Chvala also took over 510.

When this building was constructed in 1957, Peru was beginning to experience a slight resurgence in its economy although it never regained the prosperity it had before the depression of the 1930s. This modest building with cast-stone veneer is flanked by a similar building to the west and a modest frame house to the east.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
510-12 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

508 Fifth Street
Peru, Ill.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

pre-dates 1905

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Foundation not visible. Structural system unknown. One-story, rectangular house with stucco cladding. Decorative formstone simulating brick surrounds entry door at main facade. Intersecting gable roof with asphalt shingles. Symmetrical fenestration on main (north) facade with central aluminum storm door, flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Porch with aluminum awning, metal railing and decorative metal posts covers door and windows of main facade. One-story entry porch at east with shed roof and one aluminum storm door facing north. One-story, two-car garage with stucco cladding, front gable roof with asphalt shingles located at southwest corner of lot. House located in mixed residential and commercial area on Peru's main commercial street.

Built before 1905. W.M. Olson, a boilermaker, lived there in 1905-6. Other residents included: the junk dealer Samuel Schwartz (1917-1919), the August Wobrock family (1922-35), and members of the Aaron Dellinger family (1938-present).

When this house was built before 1905, Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's many industries. This well-maintained structure is representative of the modest frame dwellings inhabited by workers at the turn of the century. It is located mid-block. To the east is a bungalow built later. To the west are three shops. Because this is a mixed commercial/residential area, these businesses do not detract from the integrity of this house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

508 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Leonard Burke House

2. LOCATION

504 Fifth Street
Peru, IL.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

between 1914 and 1917

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence

5. RATING

Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Good.

Foundation not visible. Structural system unknown. Rectangular shape, one-and-a-half story bungalow with pebble dash (stonea pressed into concrete) cladding. Gable on hip roof, asphalt shingles, central brick chimney. East half of main (north) facade is cut-away porch with stone pillars, arched entry, one one-over-one double-hung sash window at northeast corner next to an aluminum storm door. Western half of main facade is enclosed porch with a band of four one-over-one double-hung sash windows in a wooden surround. Detached two-car garage with asphalt-shingled hip roof and pebble dash cladding at southeast corner of property. House is located across the street from the Westclox factory in a block of mixed residential and commercial structures on Peru's main commercial street.

Built between 1914 and 1917 for Leonard Burke. Its longest inhabitants included: Julian Dickman, a foreman for Illinois Zinc (1919-23), John Kaszynski, a grocery store owner (1926-56), and the current owner, Adam Jukubek, a baker (1958 to present).

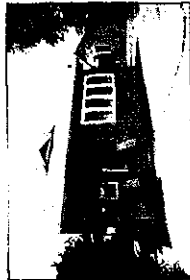
When this house was built between 1914 and 1917 Peru was enjoying an era of steady growth in population and prosperity fueled by the town's many industries. This well-maintained structure is representative of the bungalows built in the 1910s. It is located on a corner lot, across the street from the now-closed Westclox factory. To the west is a modest wood-frame dwelling. Further to the east are three shops. Because this is a mixed commercial/residential area, these businesses do not detract from the integrity of this house.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

L. Burke House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	2. LOCATION 421 Fifth Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1885
		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / flower shop
		5. RATING Sm-4

6. CONDITION Good.	legal description: Lot 8, block 3; Whiting, Burnham and Dickinson's subdivision
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T-shaped, one-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with asphalt shingles. Cross-gable roof of asphalt. No visible windows. Rectangular, one-story addition to facade with formstone-faced false front. Two-bay facade with west-of-center entrance, very large panel of fixed-pane display windows. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located in a commercialized route between Peru and LaSalle.

This house appears to have been constructed c.1885, with major alterations made in the mid-twentieth century.

The large, formstone-faced false-front addition to this late nineteenth-century residence has obliterated its architectural details and integrity. It is an intrusion upon its neighborhood, an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial and industrial buildings as well as midtwentieth-century commercial structures.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

421 Fifth Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Edward Loekle's Meat Mkt. I	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1860
2. LOCATION 1430 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence/residence
	5. RATING Oe-2

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, gable front, two story, asphalt sided frame house. Gable roof of asphalt with elaborate paired brackets and simple frieze on facade (north side). 6/6 double hung sash windows with shouldered wood lintels and simple sills. Formerly transomed entranced on north and east sides. Small one story wing to rear (east side) with central chimney, 2/2 double hung sash windows, entrance with flat roofed porch on wrought iron posts. Gable roofed, rectangular, 1 1/2 story stuccoed addition to rear with 6/6 double hung sash windows. No visible foundation. Rectangular, gable front, one story, vinyl sided frame building with gable roof with broken returns, central chimney, replacement casement windows south house. Possibly additional workspace or living area (appears as 1430 1/2 Center Street in 1909 Sanborn Map). Faces north; located in an area of late 19th century houses.

This combination residential and commercial structure was built c. 1860. It housed Edward Loekle's meat market and residence. Loekle was born in Germany in 1828, and immigrated to the United States in 1849. He arrived in Peru and immediately entered the butchering profession, where he would work for the rest of his life. Loekle also built a commercial structure on Fourth Street, Peru, in 1888. The family maintained both meat markets until at least 1926.

This mid-19th century building is an excellent example of the gable front house, and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. As a combination residence and meat market, the building represents the early economic development of its community. Its historical significance is greatly enhanced by its long association with Edward Loekle, prominent local merchant. Although it has been sided in asphalt shingles, the building retains a high degree of integrity. It is located among other mid-19th century residences of similar size, scale, massing and materials, in one of Peru's earliest neighborhoods.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Edward Loekle Meat mkt.

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 14a-16



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

William Paul House

2. LOCATION

1427 Center Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 5
block 7 original plat

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1850

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Se-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, gable front, two storeies, randomly coursed load-bearing fieldstone. Shallow gable roof covered with asphalt. Three-bay facade (facing south) with second story hidden by overgrown vines. Raised first floor with double door entrance, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with stone lug sills. Corners trimmed with large stones. Randomly coursed fieldstone foundation. Flat-roofed one-story wrap-around porch of stretcher-bond brick with square pillars has been removed. Located in an area of late nineteenth-century residences.

This house was built prior to 1868 for William Paul. Paul was a native of Scotland who settled near Peru in 1834, later moved to Hennepin, but returned to Peru in 1843, where he kept a store until 1867 or 1869. Paul lived in this house as early as 1858. He was president of the village board in 1850, and was a member of Peru's first Hook and Ladder Company (Dec. 1846). Paul later moved to Vineland, New Jersey, where he was living as of 1886. The house was occupied by Barney and Nettie Wymer (contractor of machinery and house moving) in 1905, by V.H. and Alice Waldron (foreman of the C.B. and Q.) in 1910, William and Elizabeth Sedlitz (Illinois Zinc Company) by 1915, Lyman and Gertrude Gross (engineer) from before 1926 until at least 1940.

This midnineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house, and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. Its architectural significance is greatly enhanced by its rare stone construction. The building represents the early economic and residential development of the community close to the river. The removal of a stone wing and later porch have damaged its integrity to some degree. The building is located among other midnineteenth-century residences of similar size, scale, and massing, in one of Peru's earliest neighborhoods.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

William Paul House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 16a-17



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Edward Lafferty House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1868-1888
2. LOCATION 1422 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence/residence
	5. RATING Se-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, one story, gable front, aluminum sided house. Gable roof of asphalt with central chimney, interrupted returns. Raised first floor with central entrance, protected by shed-roofed porch with wrought iron posts, wrought iron faced concrete steps. Tri-part casement window to east of door. Stuccoed foundation with basement. Garage to rear. North-facing; located in an area of 19th century houses.

This house was probably constructed between 1868 and 1888. From before 1905 until at least 1940 the building was occupied by Edward Lafferty and/or his wife Mary. Lafferty was member of Peru's police squad.

This building is a good example of the gable front cottage and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the early economic and residential development of the community near the river. Although it has been re-sided in vinyl and its windows altered, the building retains some integrity. It is located among other mid-19th century residences of similar size, scale, massing and materials, in one of Peru's oldest neighborhoods.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Edward Lafferty House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

p7, 17a-18



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION late nineteenth century
2. LOCATION 1421 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION Fair - abandoned.

Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, wood-frame house which faces south. Cross-gable roof covered with asphalt. Asbestos shingles. Various sizes of one-over-one-light double-hung sash and fixed-pane. East entrance protected by flat-roofed porch on simple turned posts. Stuccoed foundation with basement. Located in an area of late nineteenth-century residences.

This house probably dates from the late nineteenth century.

This building is a modest example of the side-gable cottage, and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued residential development of the community near the river through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although the building has been re-sided in asbestos shingles, it retains its original appearance. It is located among predominantly midnineteenth-century residences of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1421 Center Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-7; frame 20



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1860
2. LOCATION 1415 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: Lot 8, block 7, original plat	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION Fair.	Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, stuccoed building with very wide three-bay gable front, facing south. Shallow gable roof covered with asphalt, narrow eaves. Central entrance with flat-roofed porch on turned posts, wooden steps. Flanking two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows with wood lintels, sills; similar windows evenly spaced on long sides. Randomly coursed fieldstone foundation with crawl space. Located in an area of nineteenth-century residences.
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7. DESCRIPTION	This house appears to date from c. 1860.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	Because of its extremely low-pitched roof, this midnineteenth-century building is an unusual example of the gable-front house, but one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the community's early development along the river. Although it has been stuccoed, the building retains a much of its original appearance. It is located among predominantly midnineteenth-century residences of similar size, scale and materials.
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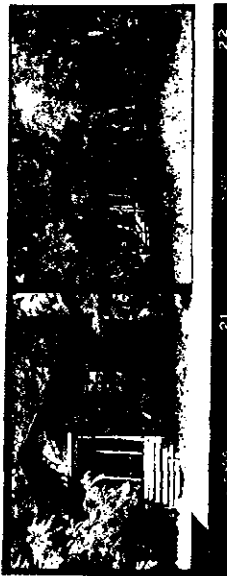
9. SIGNIFICANCE	TOWN OF PERU HABS No. IL-312 (pg 474)
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1415 Center Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-7; frames 21, 22



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION C. 1900
2. LOCATION 1410 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sm-3
6. CONDITION Fair. Rectangular, gable front, one-and-a-half-story aluminum-sided building with three-bay facade which faces north. Gable roof covered with asphalt, central chimney. Central entrance protected by flat-roofed porch with bracketed, turned posts and wood railing and flanked by two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows; similar windows on sides. Banked house with full lower level, stuccoed. Enclosed porch with second-story verandah to rear. Gable-roofed wing to east with similar treatment. Located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth-century residences. This house was probably constructed around the turn of the century. In 1905 it was occupied by K.M. Braun, widow of John. By 1910 Fred Kirschenberg, operator of the Panama Buffet, resided here. By 1915 it was occupied by August Klopsch and his wife, Bertha, and Charles Pierce and his wife, Dorothy. Klopsch was an engineer at the American Nickeloid Company, while Pierce was a laborer. By 1926 Kirschenberg again resided here with his wife, Amelia. By 1940 Ed Kirschenberg, factoryworker, resided in the building. This building is a good example of the gable-front house and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued residential development of the community near the river through the late nineteenth century. Although it has been re-sided in vinyl, the building retains its original appearance. It is located among predominantly midnineteenth-century residences of similar size, scale and massing.	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1410 Center Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-7; frame 19



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Fred & Emily Kirschenberg House		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1900
2. LOCATION 1402 Center Street Peru, Illinois		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence/residence
legal description: Lot 1 E 1/2 blk. 18, orig. plat		5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, 1 1/2 story, gable front, balloon frame house facing north. Gable roof of asphalt with gabled wall dormers. Asbestos siding. Frieze windows on long sides; 1/1 double hung sash windows with shouldered wood lintels, simple lug sills on second floor facade. Similar windows on first floor with canted corner entrance (altered with vertical wood siding). Foundation not visible. Located in neighborhood of late 19th century residences.

This house was probably built c. 1900. Its canted, formerly very large entrance suggests that it may have been constructed to serve a commercial function. From before 1915 the building was occupied by Fred and Emily Kirschenberg. Kirschenberg was operator of the Panama Buffet. From before 1926 until at least 1940 Irvin Hageman, grocer, resided in the house.

This building is a good example of the gable front house and one of a number of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the continued development of the community near the river through the late 19th century. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos and its entrance altered, the building retains good integrity. It is located in a neighborhood of predominantly mid-19th century residences of similar size, scale and massing in one of Peru's earliest residential areas.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Fred & Emily Kirschenberg House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 22a-23



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Churchill Coffing House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1857
2. LOCATION 1323 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Se-1

6. CONDITION Very Good.	7. DESCRIPTION L-shaped, two-and-a-half-story, load-bearing brick house with common bonding, which faces south. Gabled roof of asphalt with interior chimneys. Three-bay facade with pedimented gable and triangular attic window; one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with stone lintels and slip sills; recessed, off-center entrance with stone lintel and distyle in antis columns of the Ionic order. Wrap-around, flat-roofed porch on Ionic columns. Flat-roofed, octagonal, two-story frame bay with first- and second-story brackets, narrow one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows now attached to the west. Two-story brick addition to rear (west side) visible. Located in a neighborhood of nineteenth-century residences.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA This house was built c. 1857 for Churchill Coffing, one of Peru's earliest settlers. Coffing moved to Peru from Salisbury, Connecticut, in 1839. He was a village trustee from 1840-46, president of the village board from 1841-43, and Peru's first city clerk (1851). In 1858 Coffing was associated with Hitchcock and Company. He died in Chicago in 1872. The house was later owned by Archibald Means, original stockholder and first manager of the Illinois Zinc Company. Means was a native of Steubenville, Ohio, who died in Peru in May of 1898.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This building is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style and one the few high-style representatives of such architecture in Peru. It marks the early economic and residential development of the community near the river. The building's historical significance is enhanced by its association with Churchill Coffing, an early settler and prominent lawyer. The building retains its original appearance and may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The building is located among other midnineteenth-century buildings of a more modest scale.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Churchill Coffing House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 26a-27, 28a-30



Peru, Illinois, Centennial (Peru, 1935).

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Joseph Zukoski House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Ca. 1855
2. LOCATION 1322 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence/residence
Legal description: Lot 4 block 17, original plat	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION Fair.	7. DESCRIPTION Upright-and-wing 2 1/2 (1 1/2) story frame house. Gable front roofs of asphalt with central chimneys, broken returns. Asphalt siding. Upright with 4/4 double-hung sash window with segmental hood mold in attic and first and second stories. Off-center entrance with transom and segmental hood mold. Wing with now-enclosed inset porch and 1/1 double hung sash windows. Stuccoed foundation with crawl space. Faces north; located in an area of 19th century residences.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA This house probably dates from c. 1855. By 1910 it was occupied by Joseph Zukoski, occupation unknown. From before 1915 until at least 1940 Roman Andrzejewski and his wife Antonius resided here. Andrzejewski operated a shoe repair shop.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This mid-19th century building is a very good example of the Upright-and-Wing house and one of the few examples of this type in Peru. It marks the early residential and economic development of the community near the river. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos, it retains much of its architectural integrity. The building is located among other mid-19th century houses of similar size, scale and massing.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Joseph Zukoski House (1910)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 25a-26



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

House

2. LOCATION

1318 Center Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 3
block 17, orig. plat

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1895

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence/residence

5. RATING

Sm-2

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, 1 1/2 story, gable front, balloon frame house. Steeply pitched gable roof of asphalt. Asbestos shingles. Central entrance and flanking 1/1 double hung sash windows protected by facade-length, hip-roofed porch with bracketed, turned posts and spindled railing. Stretcher bond brick foundation with full lower level and 1/1 double hung sash windows. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of late 19th century residences.

This house was probably built c. 1895.

This building is a good example of the gable front house and one a number of representatives of this type in Peru (and especially on this street). It marks the continued development of the community near the river through the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although it has been re-sided, the building retains good integrity. It is located in an area of predominantly mid-19th century residences of similar size, scale and massing.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1318 Center Street

11. PHOTOS (w/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 23a-24



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Lud Agnes Wolloch House (1915)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION mid-19th century 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence/residence 5. RATING Se-3
2. LOCATION 1312 Center Street Peru, Illinois legal description: Lot 2 block 17, orig. plat	6. CONDITION Fair. Rectangular, gable front two story balloon frame which faces north. Gable roof of asphalt with broken returns, unadorned frieze. Clapboard siding soon to be covered. Shuttered 2/2 double hung sash window on second floor facade; picture window on first, protected by flat roofed porch on wrought iron posts. Flat roofed addition to facade. Stuccoed foundation. Located in an area of late 19th century construction. This house was probably built during the mid-19th century but has been significantly altered. In 1910 it was vacant, while in 1915 it was occupied by Lud Wolloch and his wife Agnes. Wolloch worked at the Illinois Zinc Company. By 1926 it was occupied by John Rowinski, laborer, and by 1940, John Kotecki, laborer, and his wife Sophie. This house is a good example of the gable front house and one of a number of this type to survive on this street and, more generally, in Peru. It marks the early residential and economic development of the community near the river. Its architectural integrity is currently being compromised severely by the elimination of windows and the application of aluminum siding. The building is located among other mid-19th century residences of similar size, scale and massing.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Lud & Agnes Wolloch House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 24a-25



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	
House		ca. 1900	
2. LOCATION		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	
1224 Center Street Peru, Illinois		residence residence	
5. CONDITION		5. RATING	
Fair.		Sm-4	
7. DESCRIPTION			
Rectangular, front-gabled, 1 1/2 story frame house. Gable roof of asphalt. Asbestos and vertical wood siding. Central, formerly transomed entrance with metal awning, flanking 1/1 double hung sash windows with simple wood surrounds. Full lower level of stretcher bond brick with casement windows. Facing north; located in a neighborhood of 19th century residences.			
8. HISTORICAL DATA			
This gable fronted house was probably constructed c. 1900.			
9. SIGNIFICANCE			
This building is a good example of the gable front house and one of a number of this type to survive on this street and, more generally, in Peru. It marks the continued development of the community near the river through the 19th century. The building's architectural integrity has been significantly damaged by the application of rough wood and asbestos siding, although it is a reversible change. It is located in a neighborhood of mid-19th century residences of similar size, scale and massing.			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1224 Center Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 30a-31



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Commercial	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Ca. 1900
2. LOCATION 1131 Center Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Bar 5. RATING 6m3

6. CONDITION

Fair

This rectangular 2 story balloon frame commercial building features a shed roof with unadorned cornice on its facade (south) side. A hexagonal turret with final-capped pent roof is attached to the southwest corner of the asbestos-sided structure. Single and trebeled 1/1 double hung sash and casement windows are unevenly placed about the second story. The first floor sports a central entrance with hexagonal pent and large, formerly transomed panels of display windows. The building is located at the eastern, now industrialized edge of a residential street turned truck route.

This commercial building was probably constructed ca. 1900.

This turn of the century building is a modest example of Queen Anne architecture, and one of a number of commercial representatives of this style in Peru. The building marks the continued development of the community near the river. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos shingles, it retains high integrity. The building is set off by itself at the end of a mid-nineteenth century residential street

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Luna Nova Bar

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P7, 32a-33



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION circa 1905
2. LOCATION 1718 Brewster Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
legal description: Nineva Addition Block 151 Lots 4, 5	5. RATING Sm-4

6. CONDITION

fair

Concrete block foundation. Rectangular, one-story, wood-frame construction covered with pebble dash (applied concrete pressed with pebbles). Cross-gable roof, returned eaves, asphalt shingles. Main (north) facade on Brewster Street has four bays -- fixed window with five vertically-set lights at east end; two one-over-one aluminum double-hung sash storm windows flanking aluminum storm door to west. "Portico" of roughcut lumber with five decorative stone discs overhead stands in front of main entrance. Located in block of modest houses on edge of residential district originally inhabited by laborers on Water Street below.

Built circa 1905. Bernard Dwyer, a miner who moved to Peru between 1876 and 1886, or his widow lived in the house through 1920. Between 1922 and 1945 the house was owned by carpenter John DeGroot. His descendants still own it.

This is one of two residences remaining in what was once a thriving working-class neighborhood constructed during a period of steady growth and prosperity fueled by Peru's many manufacturing plants. Most of the other houses from that era have been razed. This modest frame dwelling forms a grouping with two similarly modest homes isolated from the residential area to the north by vegetation and from the commercial area to the south by railroad tracks and trees.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1718 Breyer Street
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 1716 Brewster Peru, Illinois 3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1906 and 1908 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence 5. RATING Sm-4		6. CONDITION fair 7. DESCRIPTION Coursed roughcut limestone foundation. One-story wood-frame construction, rectangular shape. Exterior of asbestos siding simulating stone. Side-gable asphalt-shingle roof. Main (east) facade on Putnam Street has four bays. Two aluminum storm doors with metal hoods at each side. Two louvered windows in center. Patio in front of main facade has wooden balustrade. Enclosed porch on south facade with shed roof. One-story, one-car garage, flat roof set at lower level than house. Located on south edge of residential district in a block of modest houses originally inhabited by laborers employed on Water Street below. House built between 1906 and 1908 by F.D. Gehring, then one of Peru's two gunsmiths. It remained in the Gehring family through 1930. After changing ownership twice, the home was purchased by its current owner Camilo Alonso and her husband in 1948. Mr. Alonso was employed by Matthiesson & Hegler Zinc. This is one of two houses remaining from what was once a thriving working class neighborhood in the early twentieth century, a period of steady growth and prosperity fueled by Peru's many manufacturing plants. Most of the other houses have been razed. This modest frame dwelling forms a grouping with two similarly modest homes that is isolated from the residential area to the north by vegetation and from the commercial area to the south by railroad tracks and trees.	
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1716 Brewster

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE William Starkey House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1935 and 1938
2. LOCATION 1714 Brewster Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence
	5. RATING Sn-4

6. CONDITION

fair

Coursed roughcut limestone and concrete-block foundation. One-story, wood-frame construction with aluminum siding. Cross-gable asphalt shingle roof. L-shaped building with main (north) facade on Brewster Street. Main facade, two bays-- one aluminum storm door at east side, one one-over-one double-hung sash storm window at west. Enclosed porch addition at southwest corner with shed asphalt-shingle roof. North facade of addition has two bays -- aluminum storm door and one one-over-one double hung sash window. South side obscured by high wood fence. House located on south edge of residential district in block of modest houses that were inhabited by workers on Water Street, which is located below.

Built between 1935 and 1938 for William Starkey, who was a laborer. Between 1945 and 1969 the house was owned by members of the DeGroot family, who owned several houses on the block. It changed hands several times until purchased in 1984 by Charles Zaloudek.

This modest house was one of a very few houses built in Peru during the Great Depression. It forms a grouping with two similarly modest homes isolated from the residential area to the north by vegetation and from the commercial area to the south by railroad tracks and trees.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
William Starkey House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION

1429 Bluff Street
Peru, Ill.

legal description: Lot 5,
block 6, original plat

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1860

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Se-2

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, gable-front, two-story, aluminum-sided wood-frame house, facing south. Gable front of asphalt shingles. Three-bay facade with symmetrically placed two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows on first and second stories. Recessed, off-center entrance with transom and sidelights. Facade-long, one-story, flat-roofed porch on simple wood posts. One-story, three-sided bay with double-hung sash windows in west side. Foundation not visible. Located among a number of other gable-front houses in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house appears to have been constructed c. 1860. By 1905 it was occupied by James Edwards and his wife, Nannie. Edwards was superintendent at the Peru Plow and Wheel Company. By 1910 E. Jorsinger, wholesaler of confectioneries and ice cream, and his wife, Alvina, resided here. From before 1915 until at least 1926, John J. McCluskey and/or his wife, Nora, occupied the building; McCluskey was an advertising agent. By 1940 John J. Duncan and his wife, Mary, resided at the house.

This mid-nineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house and one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It represents the community's early residential and economic development. Although altered by the application of aluminum siding, the building retains good integrity. It is located in a cohesive, early neighborhood of similar mid-nineteenth-century residences.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1429 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1860
2. LOCATION 1428 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: Lot 4 block 7, original plat	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION Fair.	Rectangular, two-story, gable-front, wood-frame house facing north. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Three-bay facade with two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows symmetrically placed on first and second stories. Off-center entrance protected by shed-roofed entrance porch on simple wood posts. Rectangular, hip-roofed, one-story wood-frame wing to east side with paired two-over-two-light double-hung sash windows. Foundation not visible. Located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.
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7. DESCRIPTION	This house was probably constructed c. 1860. From before 1905 until at least 1910 it was occupied by G.H. & Stephanie Neureuther. Neureuther was a foreman at the Illinois Zinc Company. By 1915 Emil Friebe, Western Clock Company machinist, and his wife, Maude, resided here. By 1926 Henry Willmeroth, yard superintendent for the W.H. Maze Co., occupied the building. By 1940, Walter Dzialkowski and his wife, Rose, resided here. Dzialkowski was a bartender.
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8. HISTORICAL DATA	This mid-nineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house and one of a number to survive in Peru. It marks the community's early residential and economic development. Although altered by the application of synthetic siding, the building retains its original appearance. It is located in a cohesive, early neighborhood of mid-nineteenth-century residences.
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9. SIGNIFICANCE	TOWN OF PERU HABS No. IL-312 (pg 500)
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1428 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1860
2. LOCATION 1423 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Se-2

legal description: Lot 6,
block 6, original plat

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, two-story, wood-frame house with gable front. Gable roof of asphalt shingles. Three-bay facade with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story; enclosed gable-roofed porch across first floor with off-center entrance and panel of one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Rectangular, one-story, hip-roofed frame wing with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows to the west. Neon sign across porch reading, "J. Kneebone, Chiropractor." Foundation not visible. South-facing; located among other gable-front houses in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.

This building appears to have been constructed before 1868. From before 1905 until at least 1940 it was occupied by Agnes Kendall, widow of John, and/or her daughter Agnes.

This mid-nineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house and one of number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the community's early residential and commercial development. Although altered by the application of asphalt siding, the building retains its original appearance. It is located in a cohesive, early neighborhood of similar mid-nineteenth-century residences.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1423 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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<p>1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)</p> <p>2. LOCATION 1422 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois</p> <p>legal description: Lot 3, block 7, original plat</p>	<p>3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1860</p> <p>4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence</p> <p>5. RATING Se-2</p>
<p>6. CONDITION Fair.</p> <p>Rectangular, two-story, gable-front house, stuccoed. Gable roof of asphalt. Three-bay facade with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second-story facade. Flat-roofed, enclosed porch with brick pillars across first-floor facade. Rectangular, one-story, hip-roofed stuccoed wing to east with one-over-one-light double-hung sash window. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.</p> <p>This house was constructed c. 1860. By 1905 it was occupied by W.F. Hoberg and his wife Lena. Hoberg was a foreman with the Peru Plow and Wheel Company. By 1910 M.H. Donovan, clerk with the J.J. McCluskey Company, and his wife, Nora, resided here. From before 1915 until at least 1940 Fred Schmidt, teamster, occupied the house with his wife, Mary.</p> <p>This mid-nineteenth-century building is a good example of the gable-front house and one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the community's early economic and residential development. Although the building has been stuccoed, it retains its original appearance. It is located in a cohesive neighborhood of mid-nineteenth-century residences.</p>	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1422 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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Bird's-eye View of Peru, 1868.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1855
2. LOCATION 1414 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Se-2

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Rectangular, two-story, side-gable, wood-frame I-house facing north. Gable roof of asphalt shingles with interior end chimneys and elaborate scrolled brackets. Aluminum siding. Three-bay facade with one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on first and second floors; facade-long one-story shed-roofed porch on wrought-iron posts; off-center entrance. Rectangular, one-and-a-half-story, aluminum-sided frame wing to rear (east side). Stuccoed foundation. Interior with cherry staircases, dropped ceilings, classical moldings over windows and doors. Located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was apparently constructed c. 1855. In 1905 it was occupied by Rev. J.F. Childress and his wife, Francis. Childress was the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Peru. By 1915 Dr. A.H. Hatten, surgeon, and his wife, Mary, resided here. From before 1926 until at least 1940 Harry Lindenmeyer and his wife, Edith, and Harry Bry and his wife, Ruth, occupied the house. Lindenmeyer was a painter, while Bry was a partner in H.H. Bry and Son.

This mid-nineteenth-century building is a good example of an I-house and one of a number of examples of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the community's early growth and development. Although the building has been re-sided and its porch altered, it retains much of its original appearance. It is located among other mid-nineteenth-century residences of similar size and scale, in one of Peru's oldest neighborhoods.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1414 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
p-9; frame 4



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Herman Brunner House 2. LOCATION 1406 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1868-1888 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Se-1
legal description: Lot 1 Block 7 original plat	

6. CONDITION

Good.

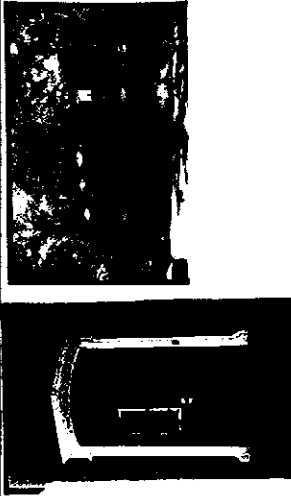
T-shaped, two-and-a-half story balloon-frame house with five bays facing north. Gable roof of asphalt shingles, changed to mansard roof with segmental dormers on east section. Clapboard siding. Shuttered two-over-two double-hung sash windows with pedimental hoodmolds symmetrically placed about the first and second stories. Flat-roofed porch with oversized Tuscan columns extending across eastern half of the facade. Transomed double-door entrance with pedimental hoodmold and carved surrounds with a scroll motif. Foundation not visible. Located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences, most of which are in a good state of repair.

This house was constructed between 1868 and 1888 for Herman Brunner. Brunner was born March 5, 1838, in Germany, where he worked in a dry goods store in his teens. In 1866 he moved to the United States, settling immediately in Peru. In 1872 Brunner and Andreas Hebel purchased the Peru Beer Company, where they had served as bookkeeper and foreman, respectively. The brewery, founded in 1847, had experienced numerous difficulties and reversals during its first years. In 1889 Brunner incorporated with Hebel's son Andrew who had replaced his father at his death (1886). Brunner continued in business until his own death in 1899. In an undated (although probably late nineteenth century) lithograph, the Brunner house appears without its mansard roof and dormers. The Brunner Family owned the house until c. 1965.

This mid nineteenth-century building has been remodeled to become a very good example of French Second Empire architecture and one of the few representatives of the this style in Peru. It marks the continued economic growth and prosperity of the community during the mid and late nineteenth century. Its historic significance is enhanced by its association with Herman Brunner, an extremely prominent local industrialist. The building is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences, generally of a more modest size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Herman Brunner House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-9: Frame-2, 3



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION
1411 Bluff Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: lot 7
block 6, original plat

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
c. 1850

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / residence

5. RATING
Se-4

6. CONDITION
Fair.

Rectangular, side-gable, two-story, brick house with cedar shingles on the second floor and stucco on the first. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Three-bay facade. Symmetrically-placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second floor, central entrance with sidelights and flanking panels on casement windows on first. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This building was probably constructed c. 1850. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by W.K. Hoagland and his wife, Adria. By 1926 Oscar Gerlach, chemist at M.H. Zinc Company, resided here, and, by 1940, Anthony Bresinski, fireman, and his wife, Evelyn.

The re-siding and refenestration of this mid-nineteenth-century building have so obliterated its details that its original appearance has been irreparably damaged. It is an intrusion on the historic character of its neighborhood, a cohesive, early grouping of mid-nineteenth-century residences.

19. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1411 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
P-9; frame 9



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1405 Bluff Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 8
block 6, original plat

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1860

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Se-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

L-shaped, two-story wood-frame house with three-bay facade and asbestos shingles. Gable roof of asphalt shingles with interior end chimneys and brackets. Symmetrically placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows. Transomed, off-center facade entrances protected by flat-roofed facade-long porch on battered wood piers. Numerous wood-frame, asbestos-sided additions of one, one-and-a-half, and two stories have been made to the rear. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located on a corner lot in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house was apparently constructed c. 1860 with numerous additions made over the years.

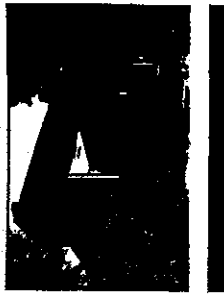
This building is a good example of the side-gable house, and one of a number of representatives of this type in Peru. It marks the community's early economic and residential development. Numerous additions have somewhat compromised the building's original appearance. It is located in a cohesive early neighborhood of mid-nineteenth-century residences.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1405 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P-9; frame 10



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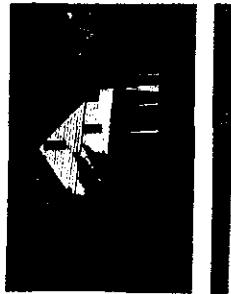
HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 1327 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois		3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION between 1910 and 1915 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence 5. RATING Sm-3	
6. CONDITION Fair.		Rectangular, gable-front, two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame house, aluminum-sided. Gable roof covered with asphalt, cornice returns on front. One-over-one-light double-hung sash windows (recent replacements) asymmetrically placed on second and attic stories. Off-center entrance protected by flat-roofed porch on simple turned posts. Concrete foundation. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses.	
7. DESCRIPTION		This house appears to have been constructed between 1910 and 1915. In the latter year it was occupied by Elmer E. Trembly and his wife, Alice. Trembly was an employee of the Western Clock Company. He and/or his wife occupied the house until at least 1926. By 1940 Mrs. Alice Frazier resided here.	
8. HISTORICAL DATA		This building is a good early twentieth-century example of the gable-front house and one of a number of representatives of this type to survive in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic prosperity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The building's original appearance, however has been compromised severely by the application of aluminum siding and the change in fenestration. It is located in a cohesive neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.	
9. SIGNIFICANCE		TOWN OF PERU HABS No. IL-312 (pg 514)	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1327 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
p-9; frame 11



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900
2. LOCATION 1321 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence 5. RATING Sm-3
legal description: Lot 5 E 1/2 block 5, original plat	

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, two-story wood-frame house sided in asbestos. Wide-eaved, hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles. Two-bay facade with symmetrically placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on second story; paired version with east-of-center entrance on first. Flat-roofed, facade-long one-story porch on metal posts. Concrete foundation. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century residences.

This house appears to have been constructed c. 1900. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by Joseph E. and Josephine Moisan and/or their family. Both Joseph Moisan and his son Leon, who later occupied the house, were blacksmiths at the Peru Plow and Wheel Company. By 1940 Herman Gleich, driver with the R.V. Express Agency, lived here.

This building, with its blocky massing and wide-eaved hipped roof, is a good local example of an early American Foursquare. It is one of only a few examples of this type in Peru. The building marks the community's continued economic prosperity through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos shingles, the building maintains its original appearance. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar size, scale and materials.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1321 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
p-9; frame 12



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION
1316 Bluff Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 3
block 8, original plat

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
c. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
residence / residence

5. RATING
SII-3

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, one-story wood-frame house with asbestos shingles. Gable roof fronting street with asphalt shingles, central chimney. Three-bay facade with central entrance flanked by one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows protected by hip-roofed, facade-long porch on wood pillars with wood railing. One-over-one-light double-hung sash asymmetrically placed about sides. Brick foundation. North-facing; located in neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This building appears to have been constructed around the turn of the century.

This building is a good turn-of-the-century example of the gable-front cottage and one of the many representatives of this type in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic prosperity through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although it has been re-sided, the building retains good integrity. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1316 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

P9-19



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(House)

2. LOCATION
1315 Bluff Street
Peru, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
Between 1905 and 1910

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Residence/Residence

5. RATING
S₃

Legal description: Lot 6
block 5, original plat

6. CONDITION
Good.

Rectangular, two-and-half-story, wood-frame house with two-bay facade and asbestos shingles. Cross-gable roof of asphalt shingles with central chimney. Square fixed-pane attic windows; asymmetrically placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows on first and second stories. Transomed, off-center entrance protected by hip-roofed, facade-long porch on battered wood piers. Small flat-roofed side porch with simple wood posts. Stuccoed foundation with basement. South-facing; located in a neighborhood of late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century residences.

This house appears to have been constructed between 1905 and 1910. From the later year until at least 1940 it was occupied by P.T. Keegan, cashier and assistant treasurer at the Illinois Zinc Company.

This building is a good example of the turn-of-the-century gabled house. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although it has been re-sided in asbestos shingles, the building retains good integrity. It is located among other late-nineteenth- and early twentieth-century houses of similar size, scale and materials.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900
2. LOCATION 1310 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
	5. RATING Sm-3

6. CONDITION
Good.

T-shaped, one-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with bevelled wood siding. Cross gable roof of asphalt shingles. Single and trebled casement windows in pedimented gables and building proper. Entrance in re-entrant angle protected by small, flat-roofed porch on wrought-iron posts. Rock faced coursed ashlar foundation with basement. North facing; located in a neighborhood of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences.

This house appears to have been constructed c. 1900. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by Mrs. S.A. Hackman (widow of H.S.) or a Miss Hattie Hackman. By 1940 John Stevenson, office worker at Western Clock Company, and his wife Gertrude resided here.

The re-fenestration and re-siding of this building have compromised this building's integrity as a turn-of-the-century T-shaped house, one of a number of this type in Peru. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1310 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION late nineteenth century
2. LOCATION 1309 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence
legal description: Lot 7 block 5, original plat	5. RATING Sm-2

6. CONDITION Fair.	Rectangular, one-story, load-bearing brick house with stretcher bond, facing south. Gable roof of asphalt shingles fronting street, displaying two-bay facade. Off-center entrance with hip-roofed entry porch on large wood pillars. one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with segmental brick lintels symmetrically placed on long sides. Stuccoed foundation. Located in an area of late-nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential construction.
7. DESCRIPTION	This building appears to have been constructed in the late nineteenth century. From before 1905 until at least 1926 it was occupied by F.J. Denny, insurance agent, and his wife, Anna. By 1940 Elmer Benedict and his wife, Mary, resided here. Benedict was a factory worker at Western Clock Company.
8. HISTORICAL DATA	This modest building is a good example of the ubiquitous gable-front cottage, and one of the few representatives of this type constructed in brick. It marks the continued economic and residential development of the community through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although the building is nearly hidden by vines, it appears to retain much of its architectural integrity. It is located among other late-nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1309 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (House) 2. LOCATION 1304 Bluff Street Peru, Illinois	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1900 4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) residence / residence 5. RATING Sm-2
6. CONDITION Good. Irregularly shaped, two-and-a-half-story wood-frame house with bevelled wood siding. Irregular roof of asphalt shingles. Projecting, hip-roofed one-story facade section with pedimented gable dormer, paired hexagonal bays with pyramidal roofs. Inset porch with single and trebled wood pillars and pedimented gable entrance. Various sized one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows irregularly placed about remainder of house. Rock-faced, coursed ashlar foundation. North-facing; located in a neighborhood of generally modest late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences. This house appears to have been constructed c. 1900. From before 1905 until at least 1940 it was occupied by H.E. and Mattie Hackman. Hackman was the assistant secretary of the Western Clock Company. This building is a very good example of the Queen Anne-style cottage, and one of the most elaborate of this type in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The building maintains much of its original appearance. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size, scale and materials.	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
1304 Bluff Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(House)

2. LOCATION

1303 Bluff Street
Peru, Illinois

legal description: Lot 8
block 5, original plat

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

C. 1865

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

residence / residence

5. RATING

Se-2

6. CONDITION

Good.

Rectangular, two-and-half-story, gable-fronted, stuccoed house, facing south. Gable roof of asphalt shingles with paired, scrolled brackets and frieze of carved panels. Two-bay facade with bull's-eye attic window, one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with prominent hoodmolds symmetrically placed on facade and sides of second story. Wrap-around, enclosed porch with mansard roof on brick pillars. Foundation not visible. South-facing; located in an area of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential construction.

This building appears to have been constructed before 1868. From before 1905 until at least 1915 it was occupied by William Holly and his wife Emma. Holly was a treasurer at the Peru Plow and Wheel Company. From before 1926 until at least 1940, Anton Kososki, watchman at the American Nickeloid Company, resided here with his wife, Celia.

This late nineteenth-century building is a modest example of Italianate architecture, but one of the few representatives of this style in Peru. It marks the community's continued economic and residential development through the late nineteenth century. The building's original appearance has been altered somewhat by the application of stucco and the addition and subsequent enclosure of its porch. It is located among other late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residences of similar size and scale.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

1303 Bluff Street

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